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# SPIDER-MAN<sup>®</sup>

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The bite of a genetically altered spider granted high school student Peter Parker incredible arachnid-like powers. When a burglar killed his beloved Uncle Ben, a grief-stricken Peter vowed to use his amazing abilities to protect his fellow man. He learned the invaluable lesson that with great power there must also come great responsibility.

Now the fledgling super hero tries to balance a full high school curriculum, a part-time job, a relationship with Gwen Stacy and swing time as the misunderstood, web-slinging Spider-Man!

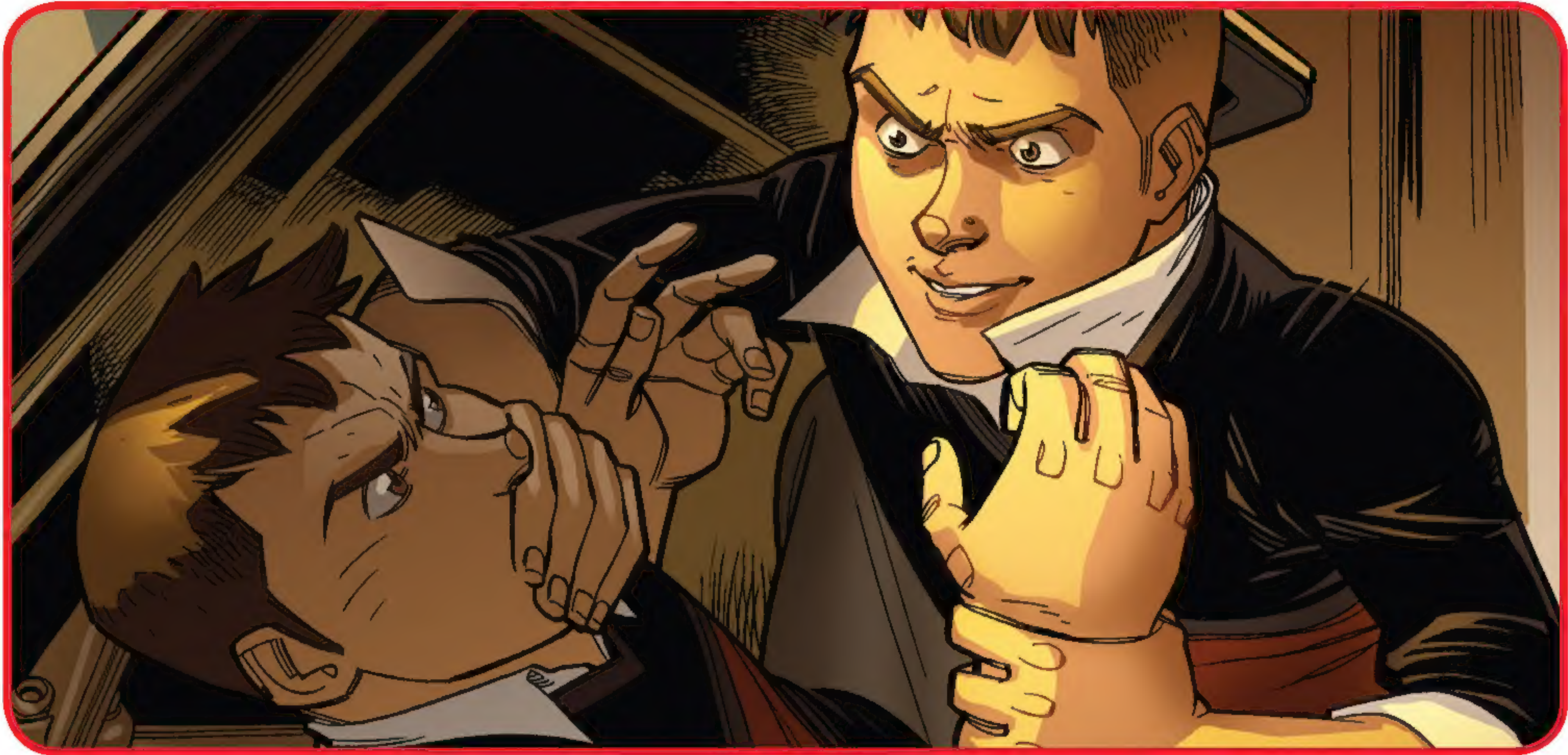


### PREVIOUSLY IN ULTIMATE SPIDER-MAN:

Spider-Man is now living with Johnny Storm, a.k.a. the Human Torch, and Bobby Drake, a.k.a. Iceman. Both are disguising themselves as his cousins and going to school like normal kids.

Peter and his ex-girlfriend, MJ, go to the Daily Bugle to report to the press that their friend, mutant Kitty Pryde, has been chased out of school by federal agents.

At the Bugle, Peter confronts his old boss J. Jonah Jameson only to realize that it is an imposter. The imposter overpowers Peter and takes his place in Peter's life without realizing just who Peter really is.



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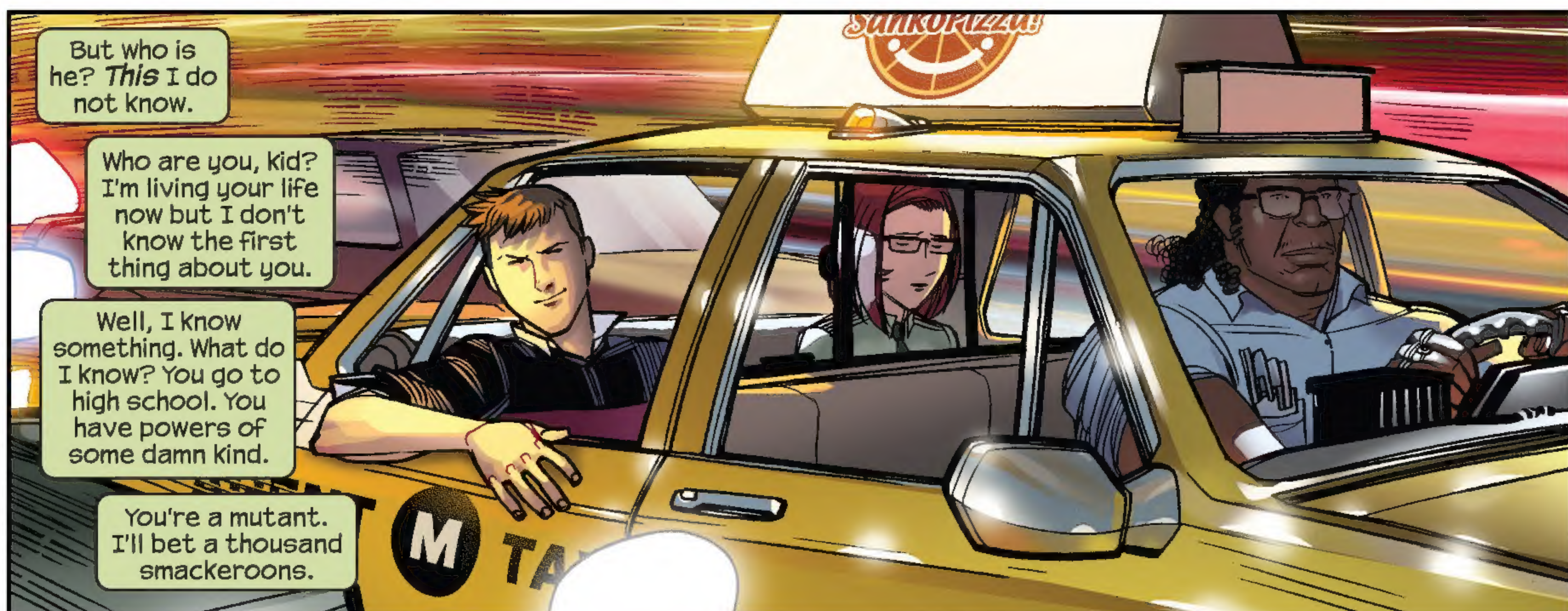




I am  
not Peter  
Parker.

L. Fuente



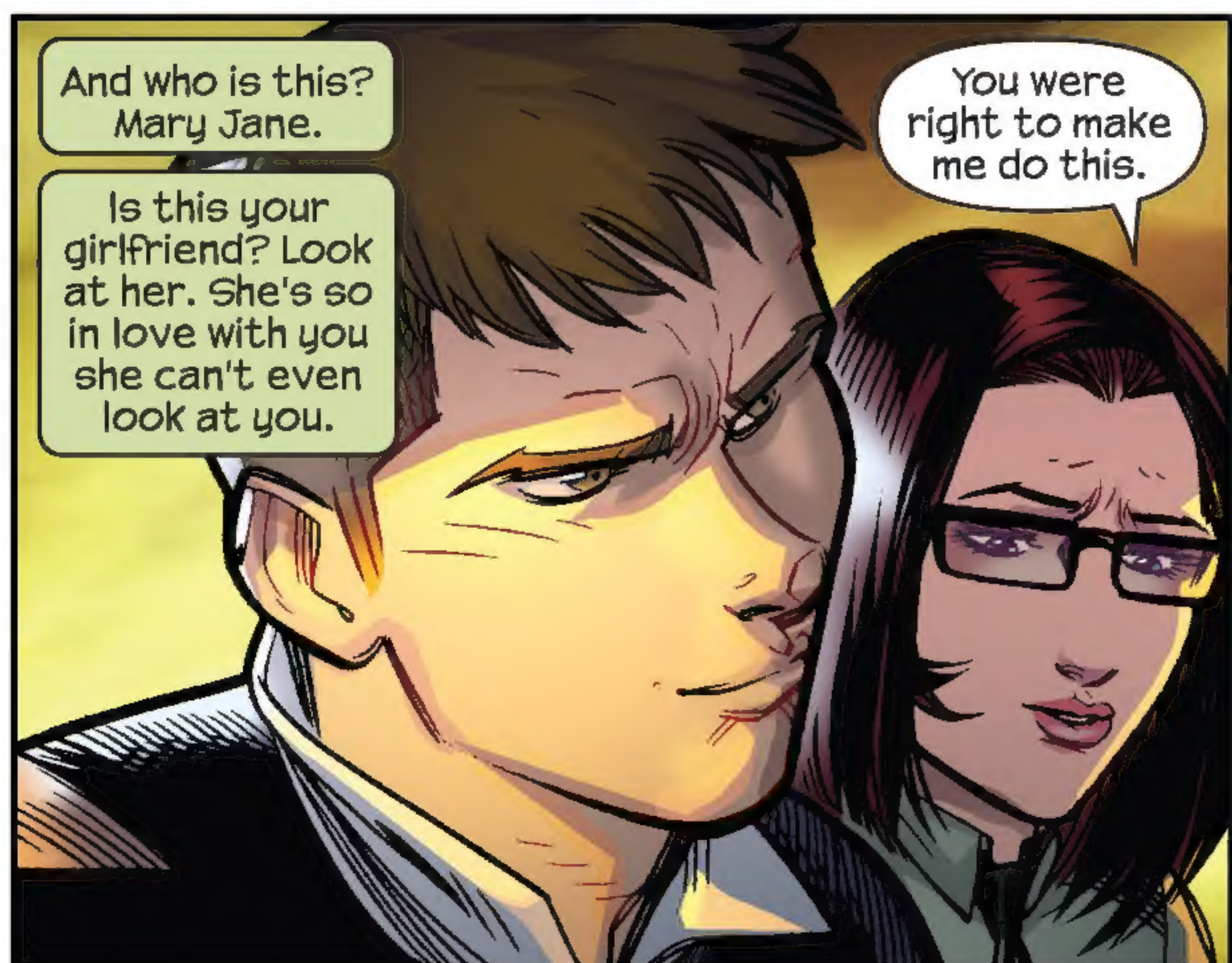


But who is he? *This* I do not know.

Who are you, kid? I'm living your life now but I don't know the first thing about you.

Well, I know something. What do I know? You go to high school. You have powers of some damn kind.

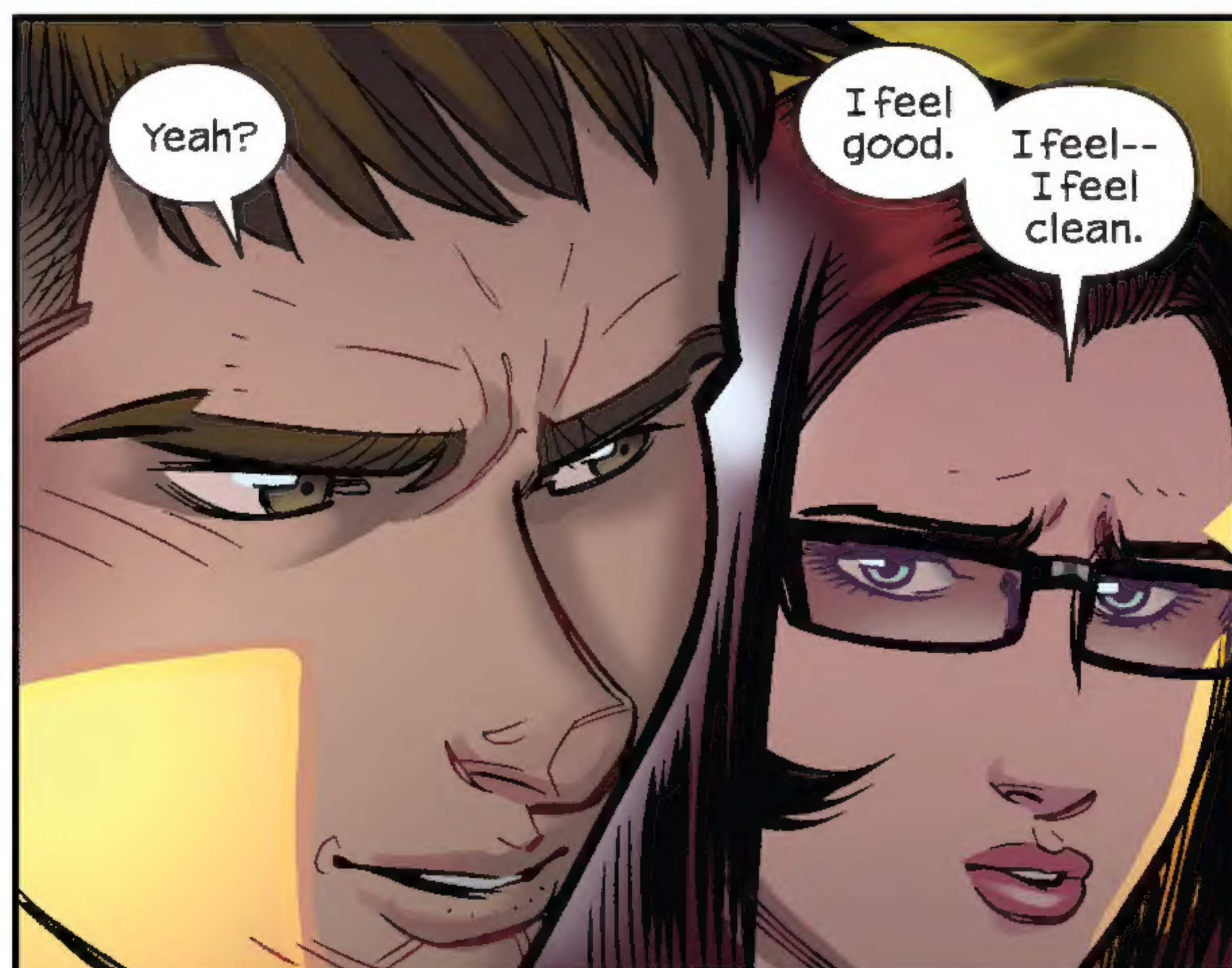
You're a mutant. I'll bet a thousand smackeroons.



And who is this? Mary Jane.

Is this your girlfriend? Look at her. She's so in love with you she can't even look at you.

You were right to make me do this.



Yeah?

I feel good.

I feel-- I feel clean.



Yeah?

Yeah. Kitty's out there somewhere. She needs our help.

Her story needs to be told.

And man, newspapers are exciting. Newsrooms. It's--I love it.

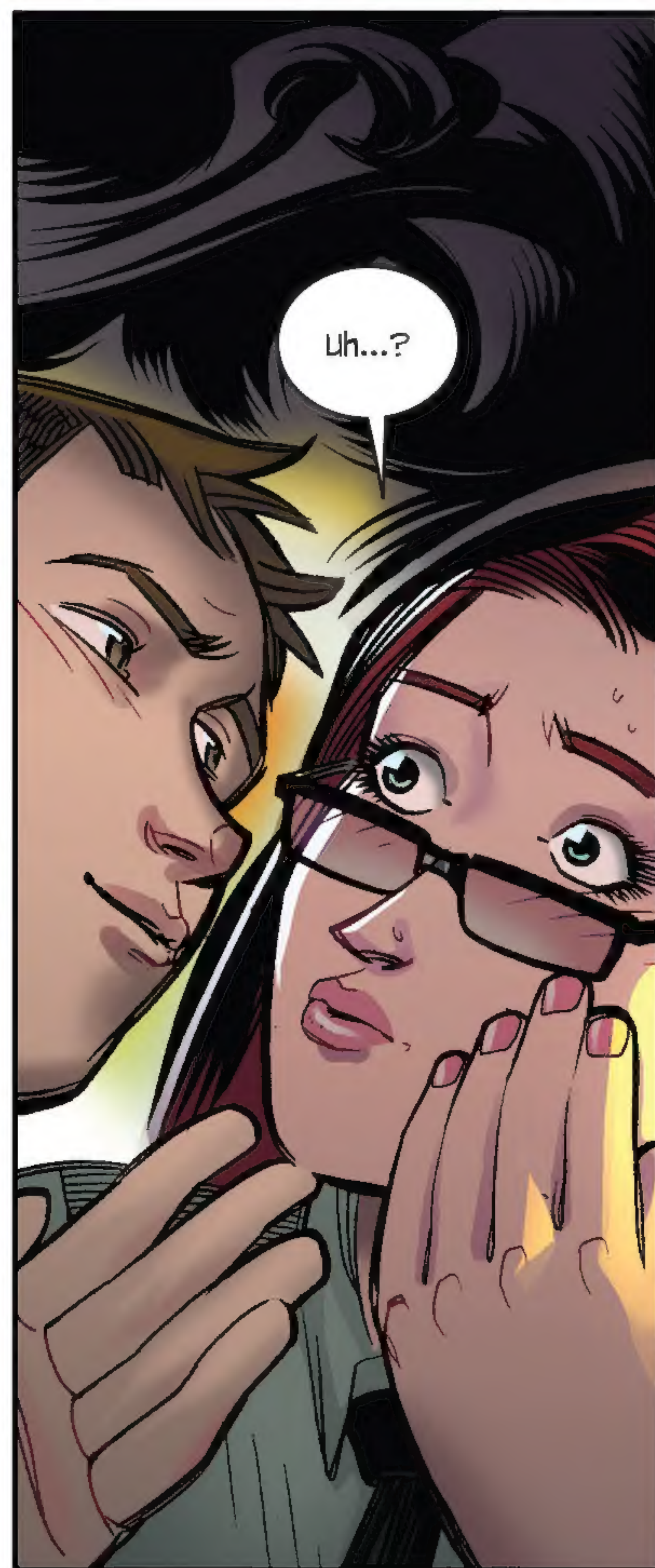
Sure.

I could see myself doing that, for real.

Being a reporter?

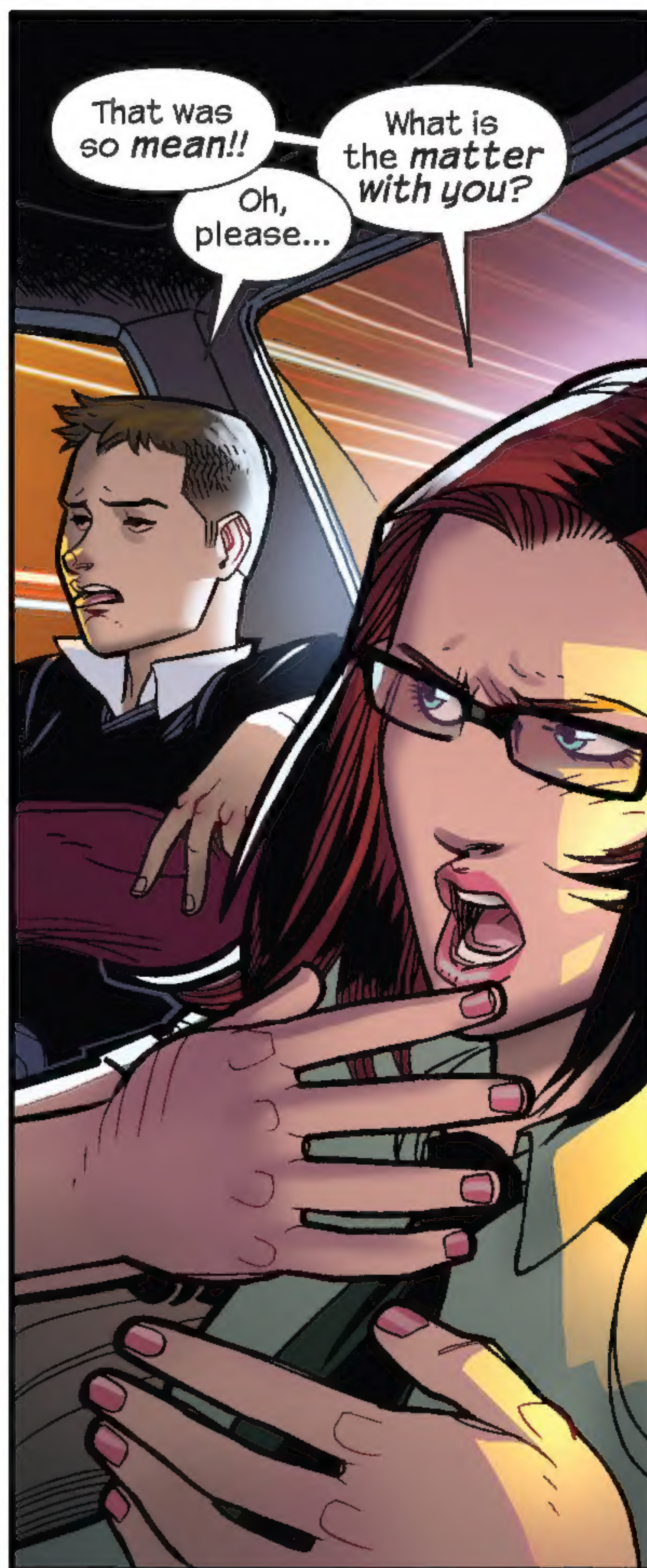
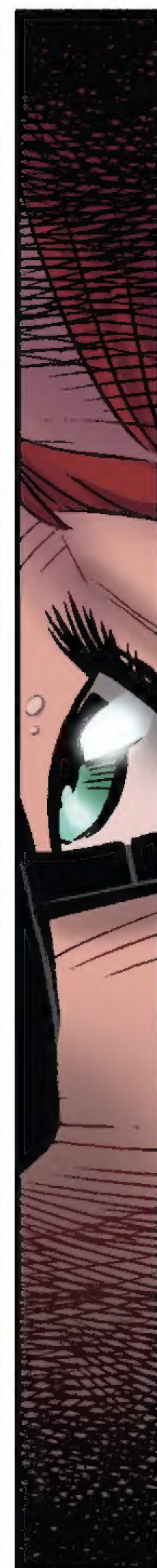
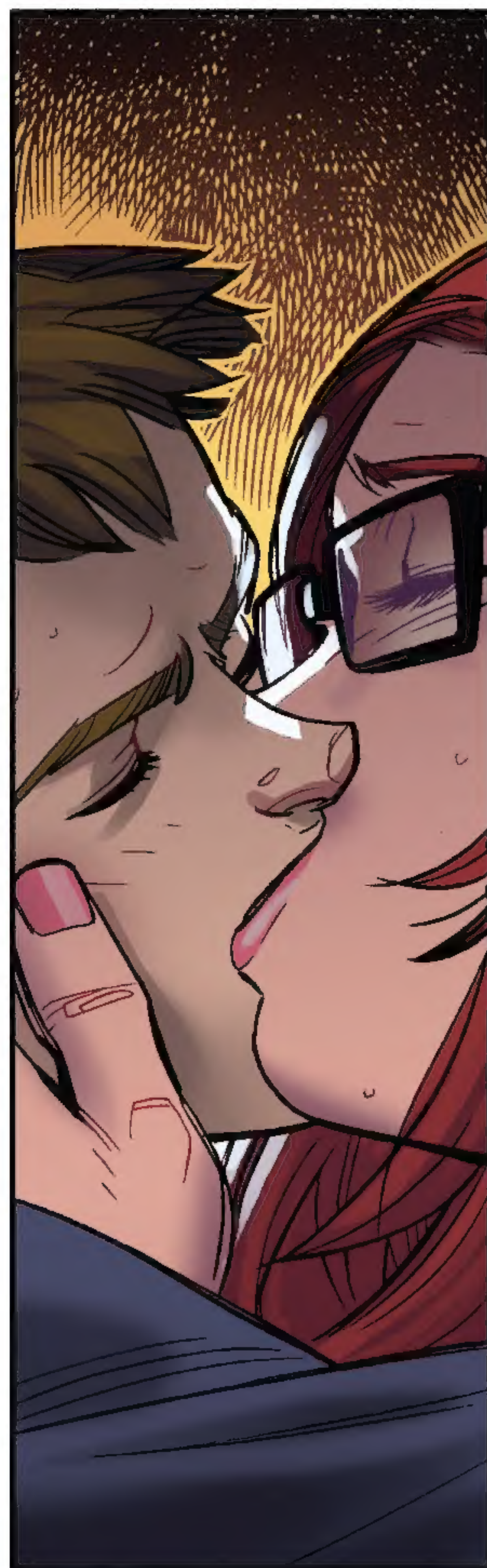
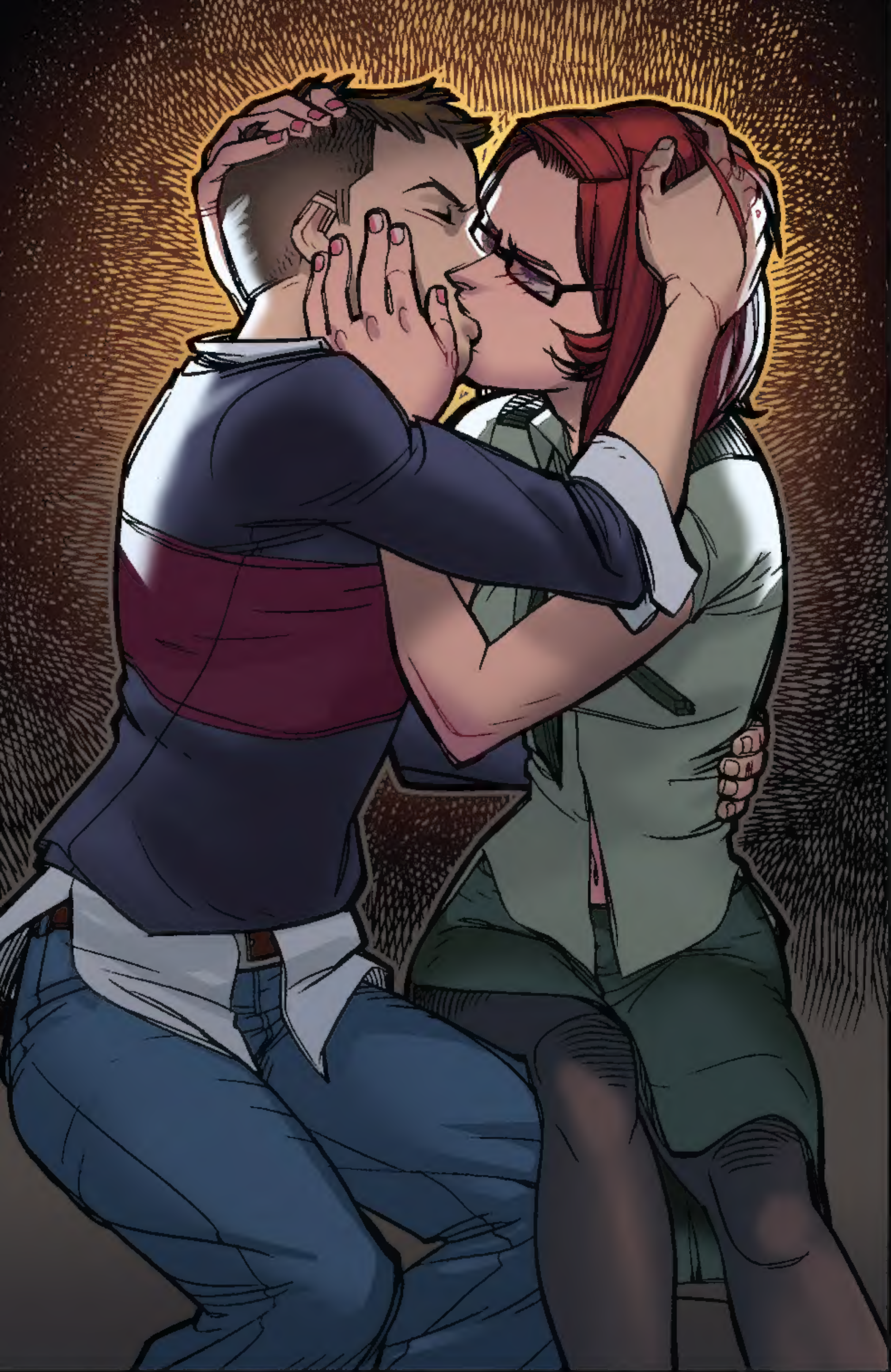
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Cool.

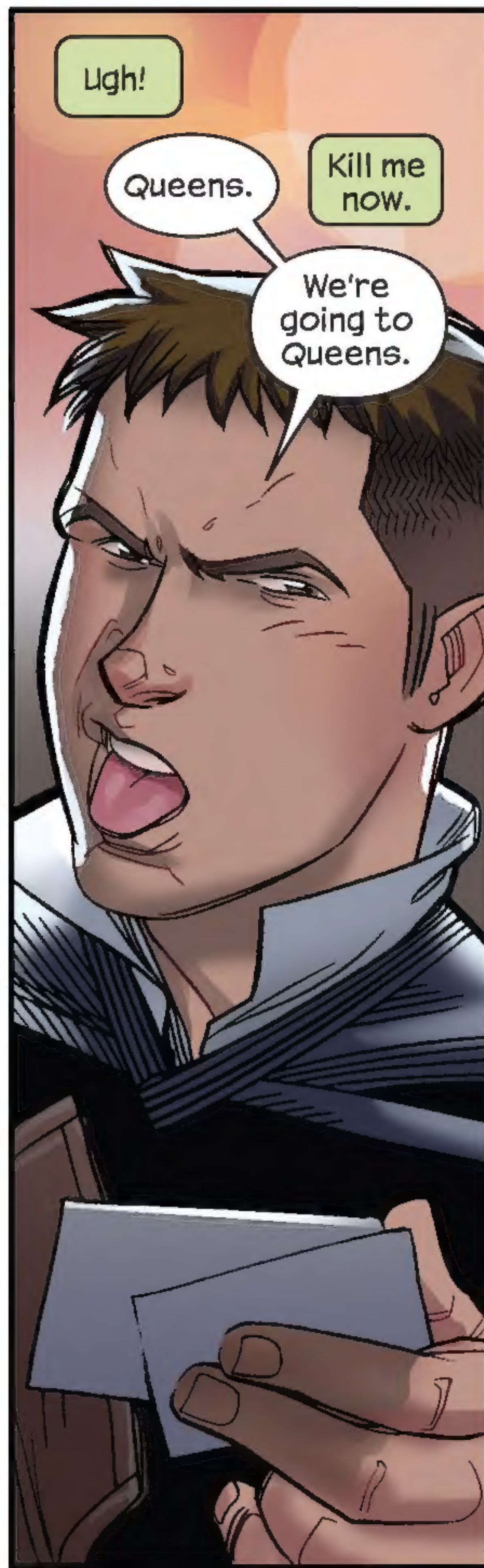
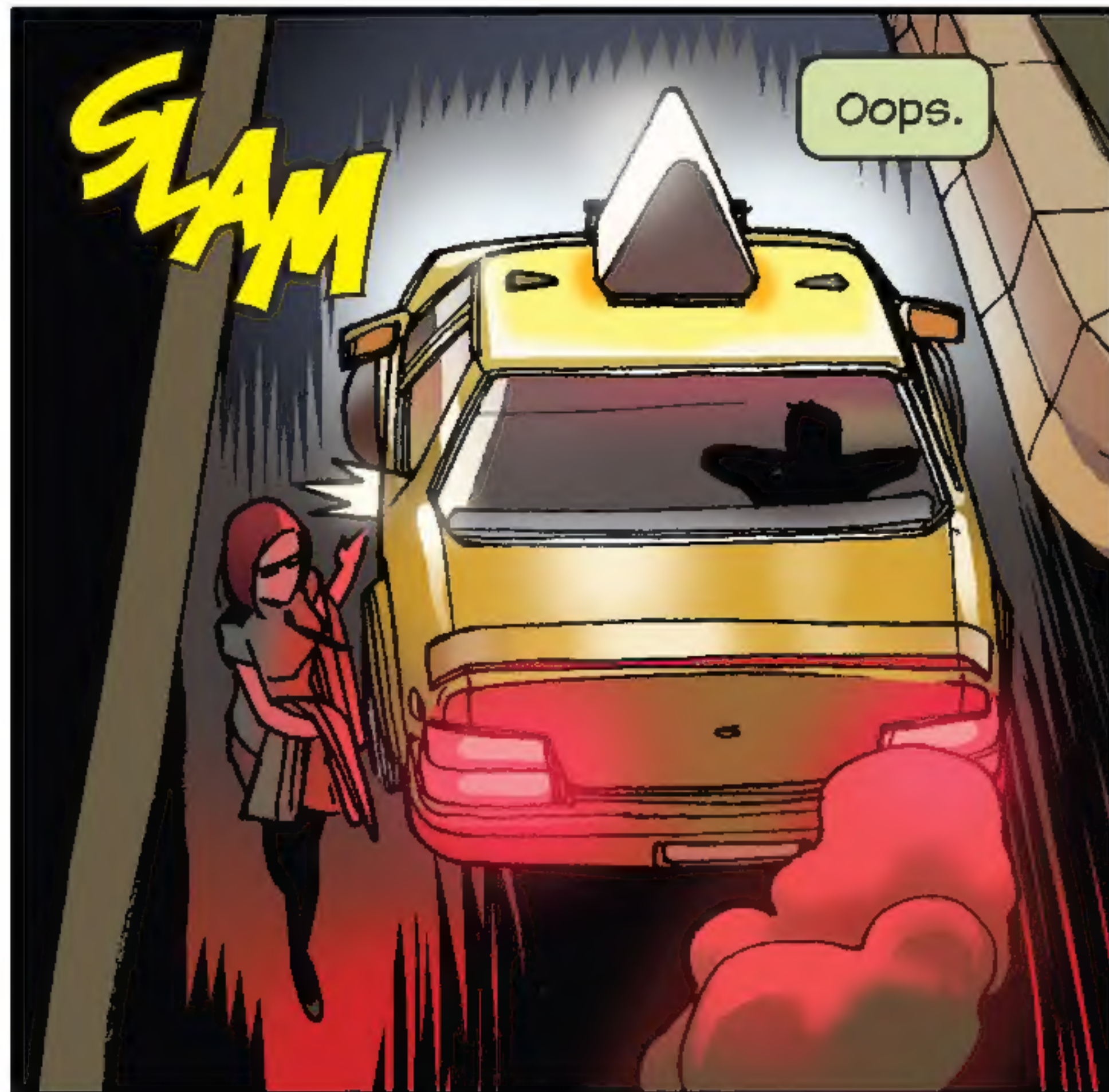
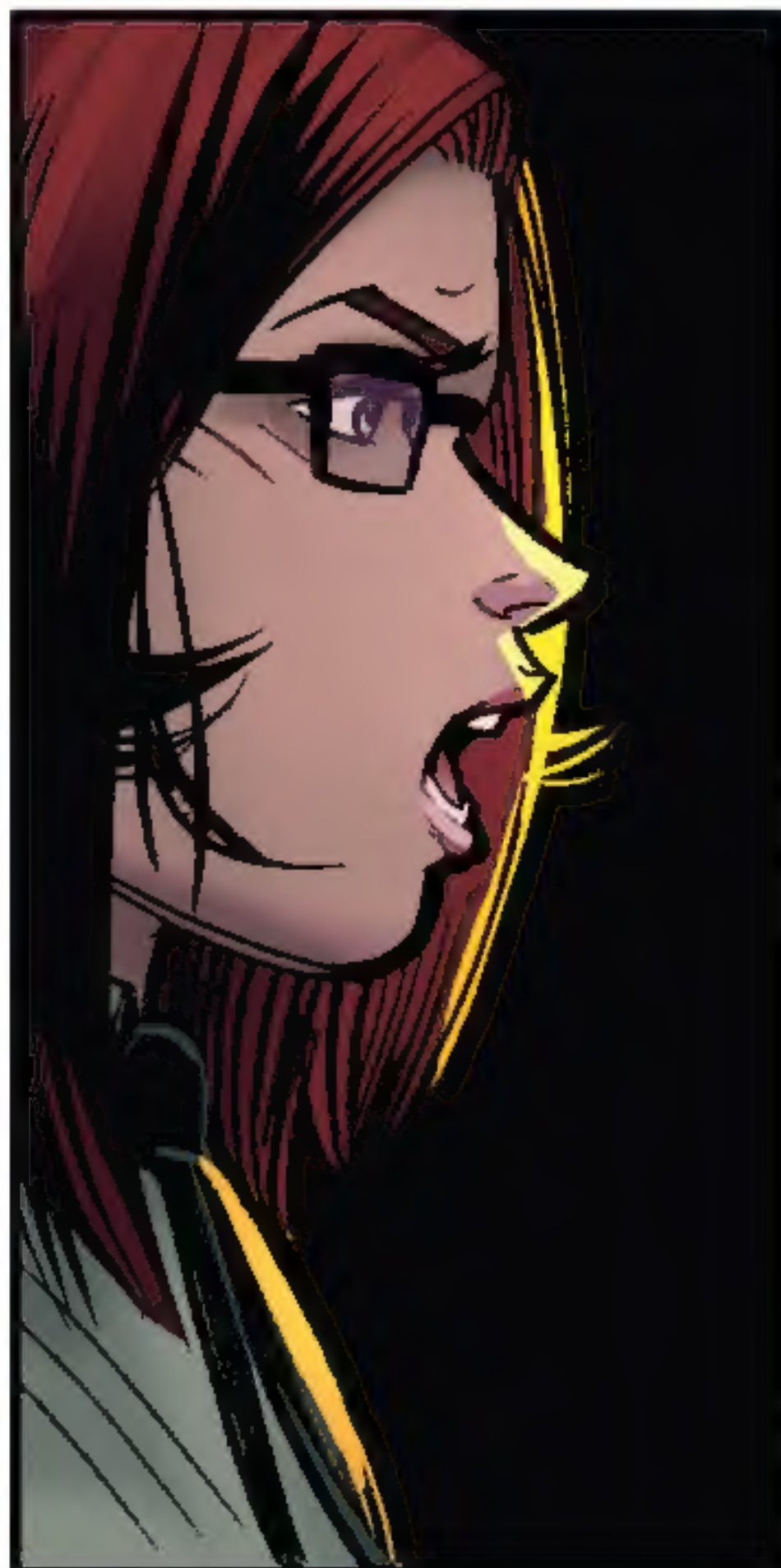
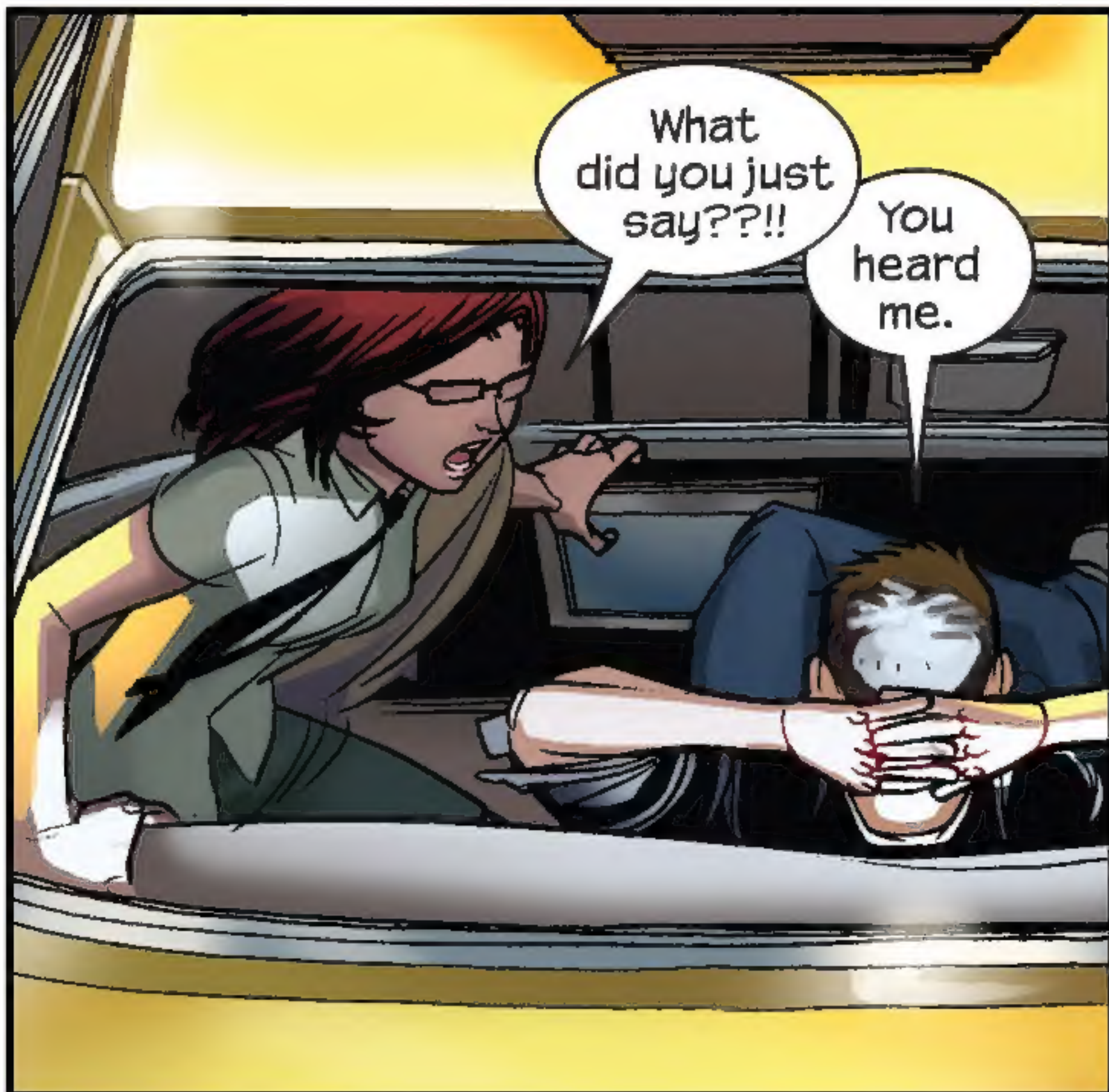
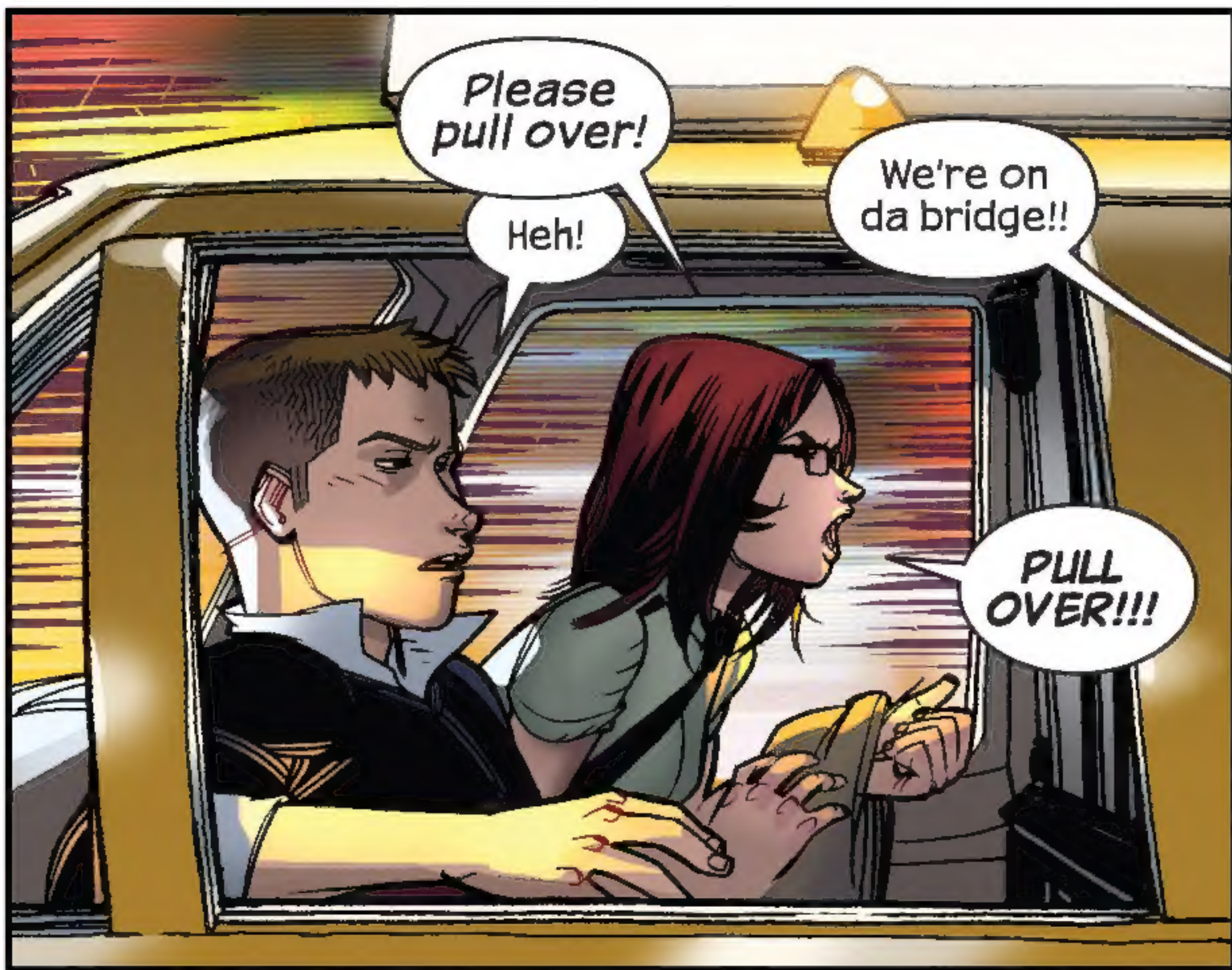


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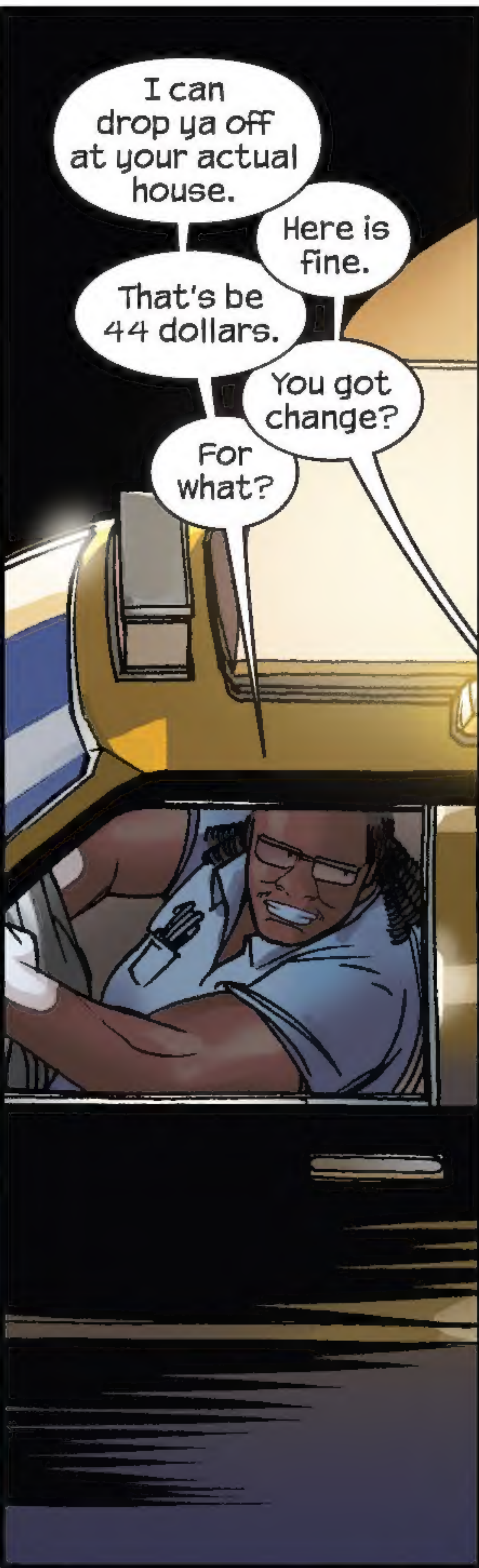




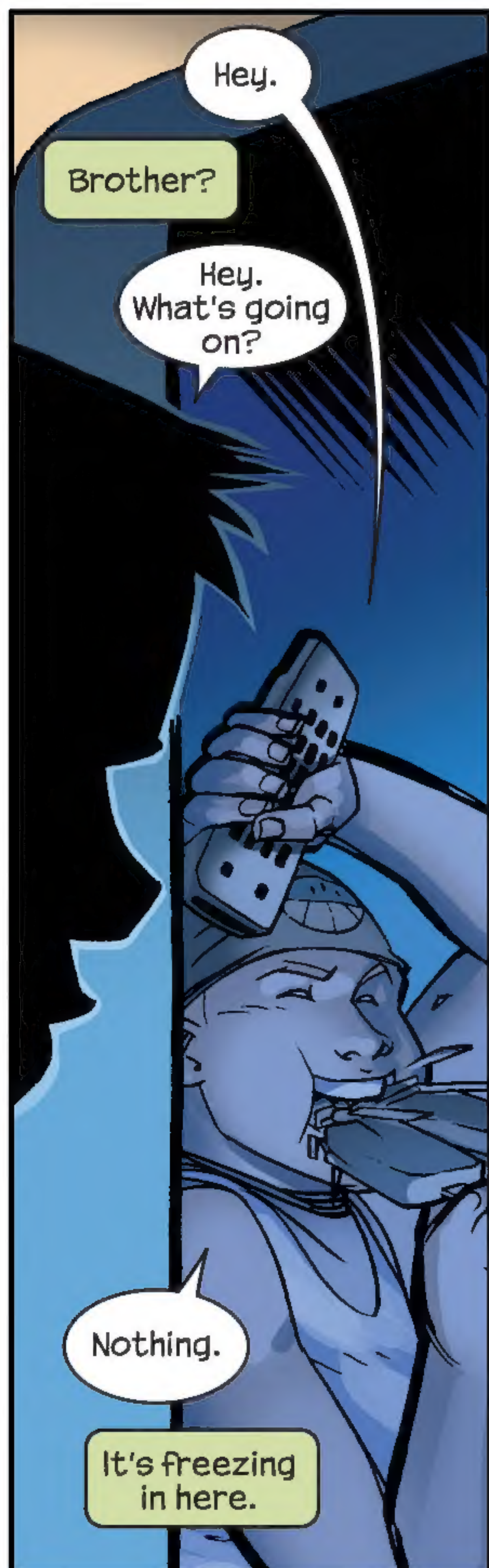












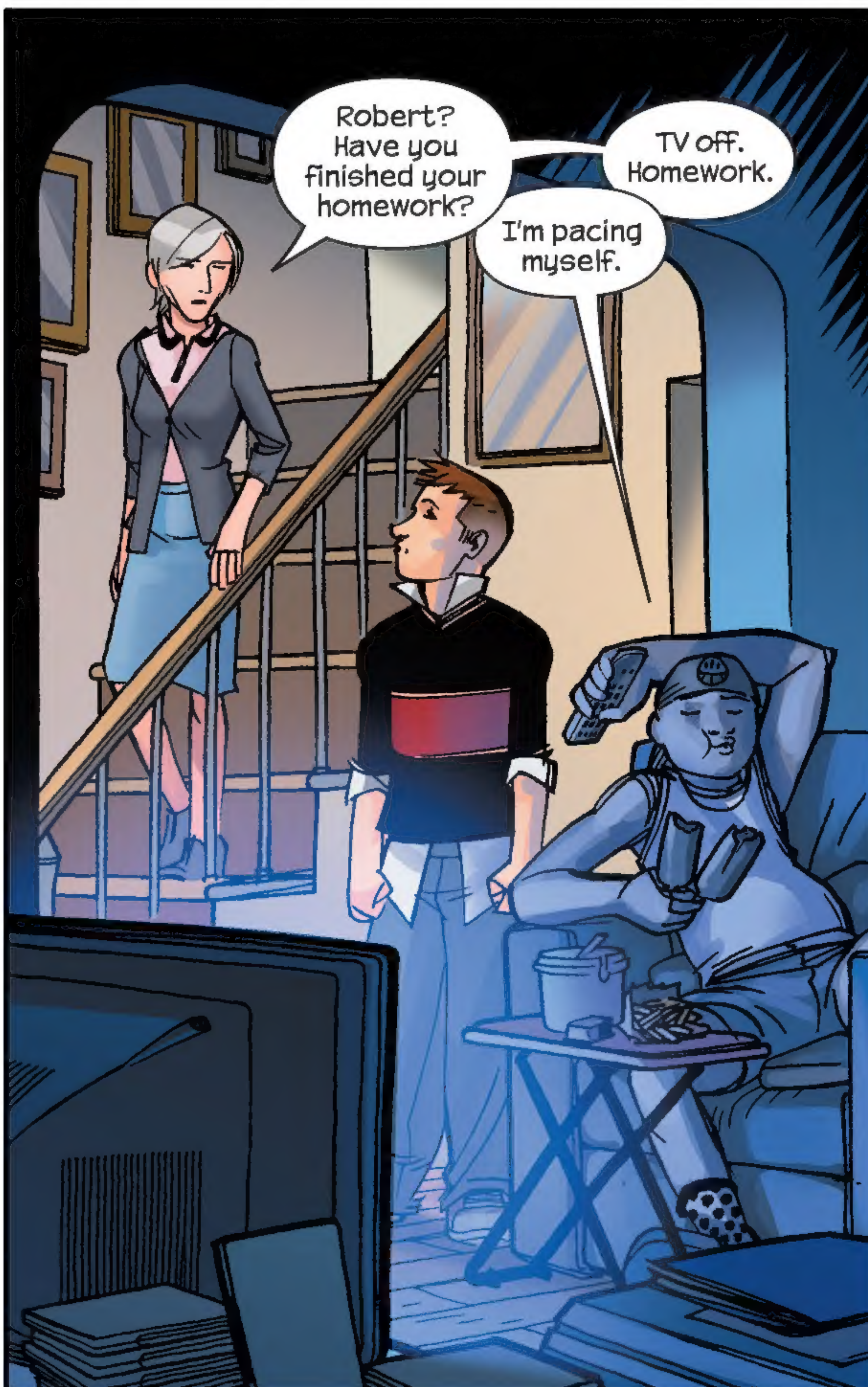
Hey.

Brother?

Hey.  
What's going  
on?

Nothing.

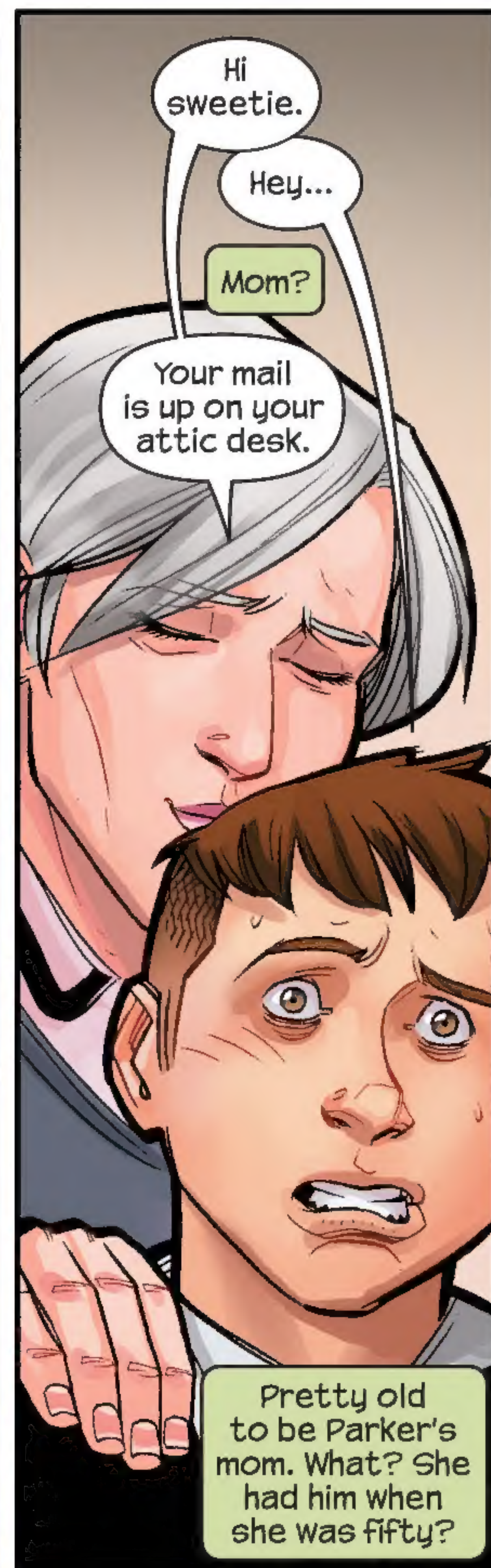
It's freezing  
in here.



Robert?  
Have you  
finished your  
homework?

TV off.  
Homework.

I'm pacing  
myself.



Hi  
sweetie.

Hey...

Mom?

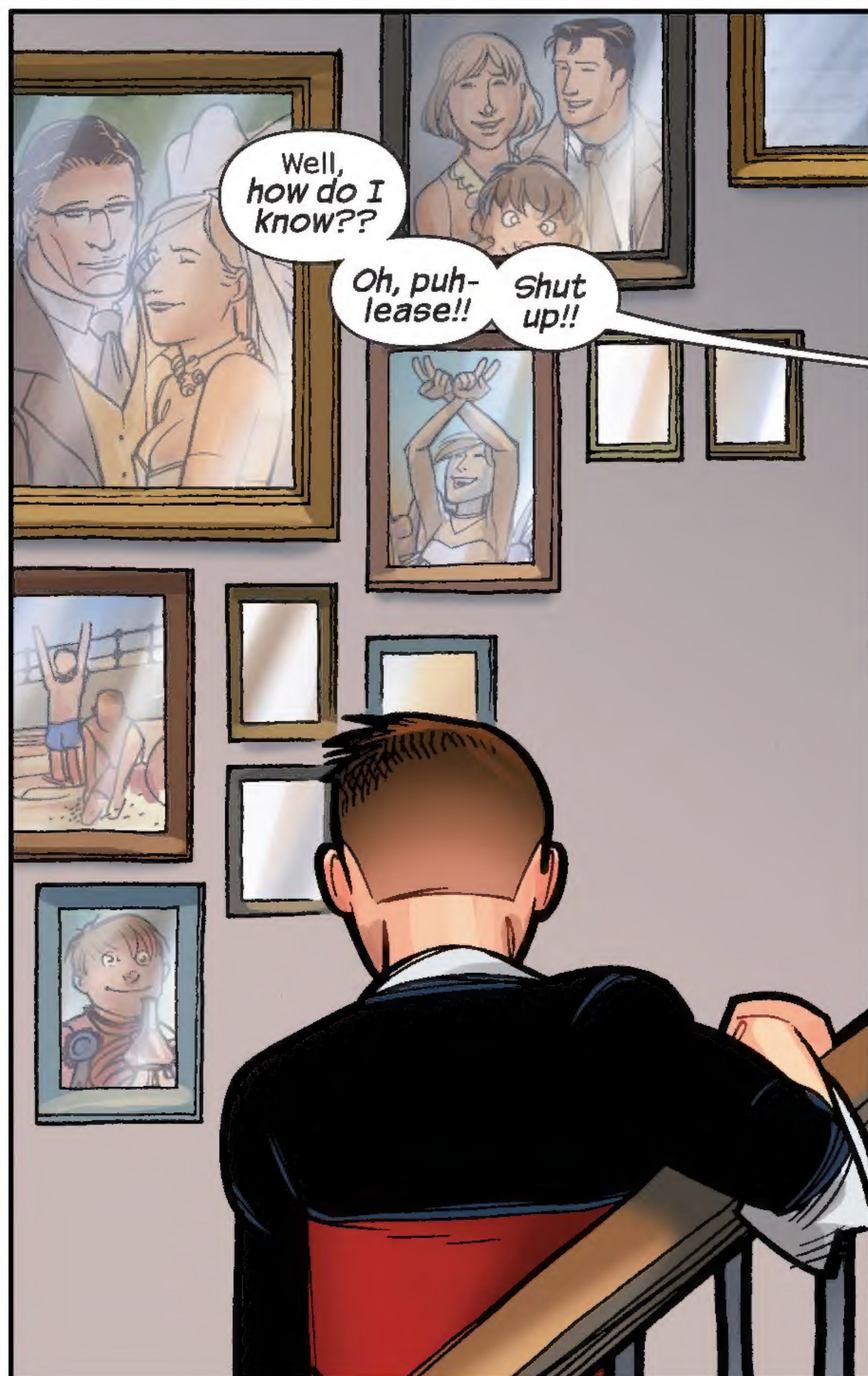
Your mail  
is up on your  
attic desk.

Pretty old  
to be Parker's  
mom. What? She  
had him when  
she was fifty?



Attic. She  
said attic.

Attic...

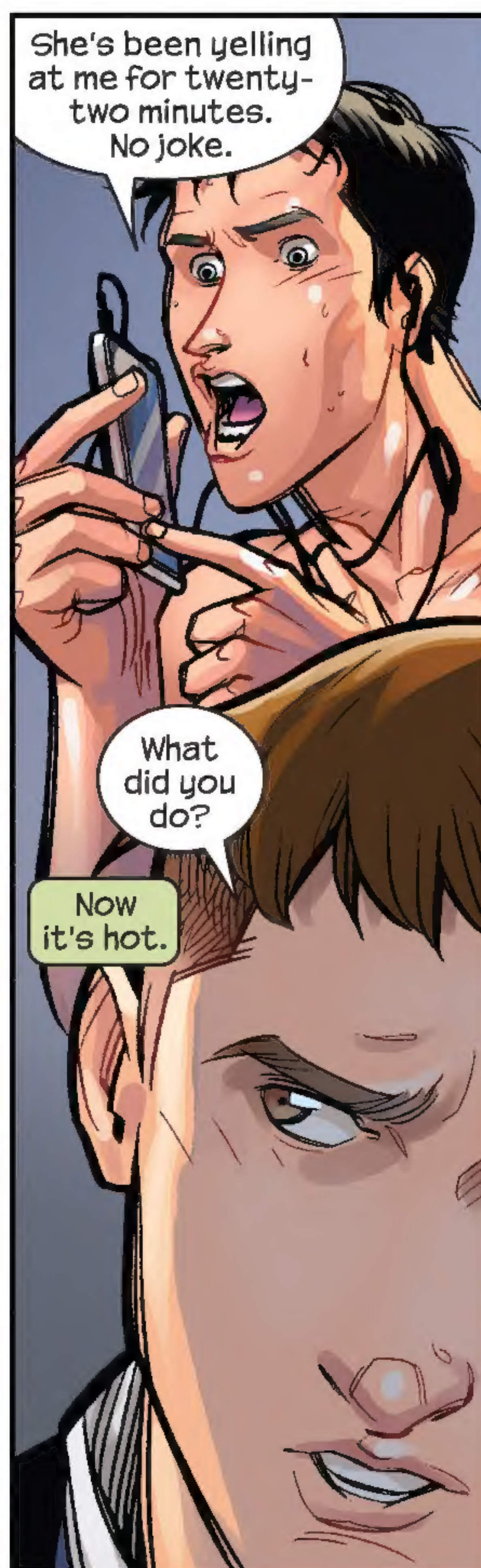


Well,  
how do I  
know??

Oh, puh-  
lease!!

Shut  
up!!

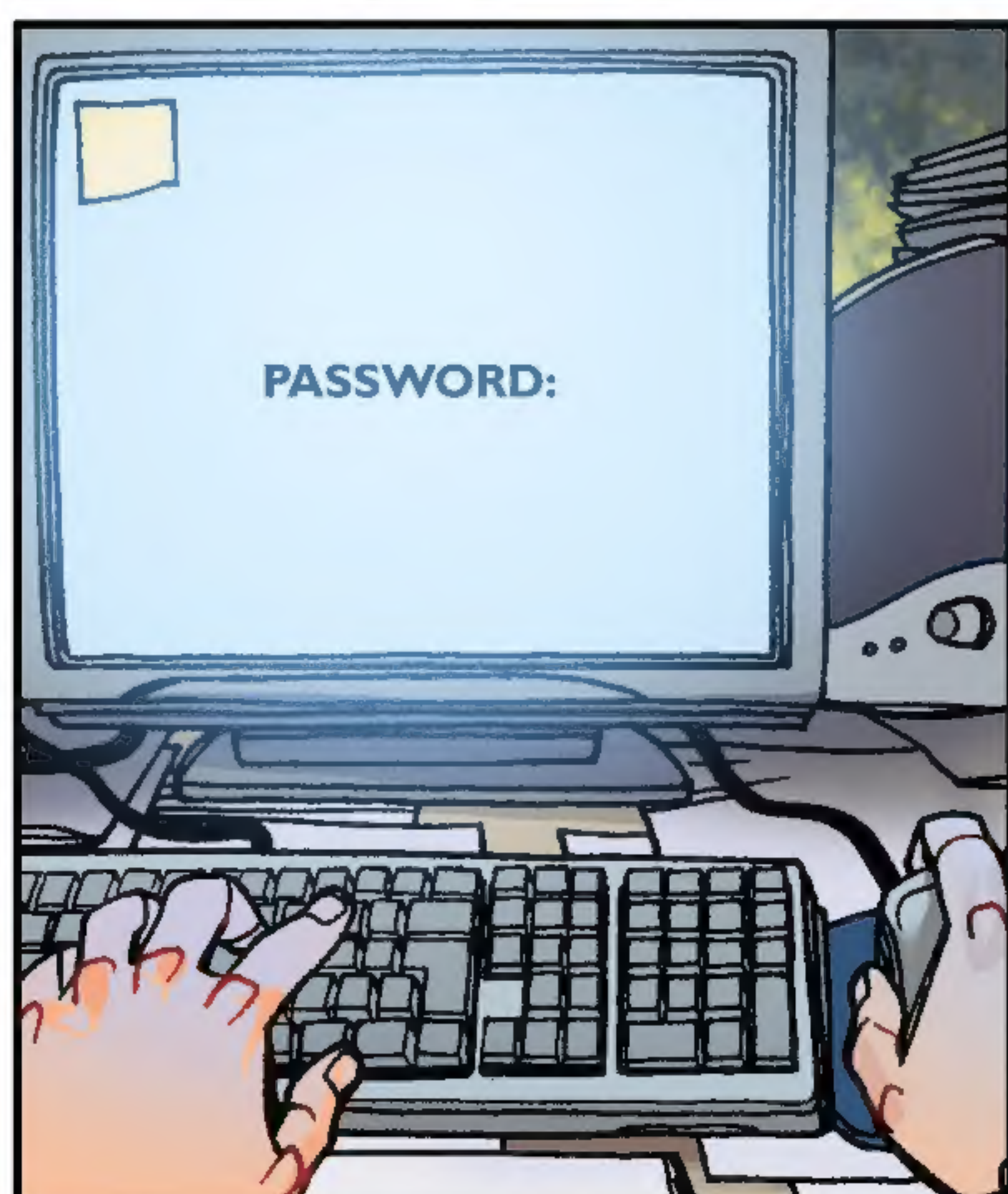








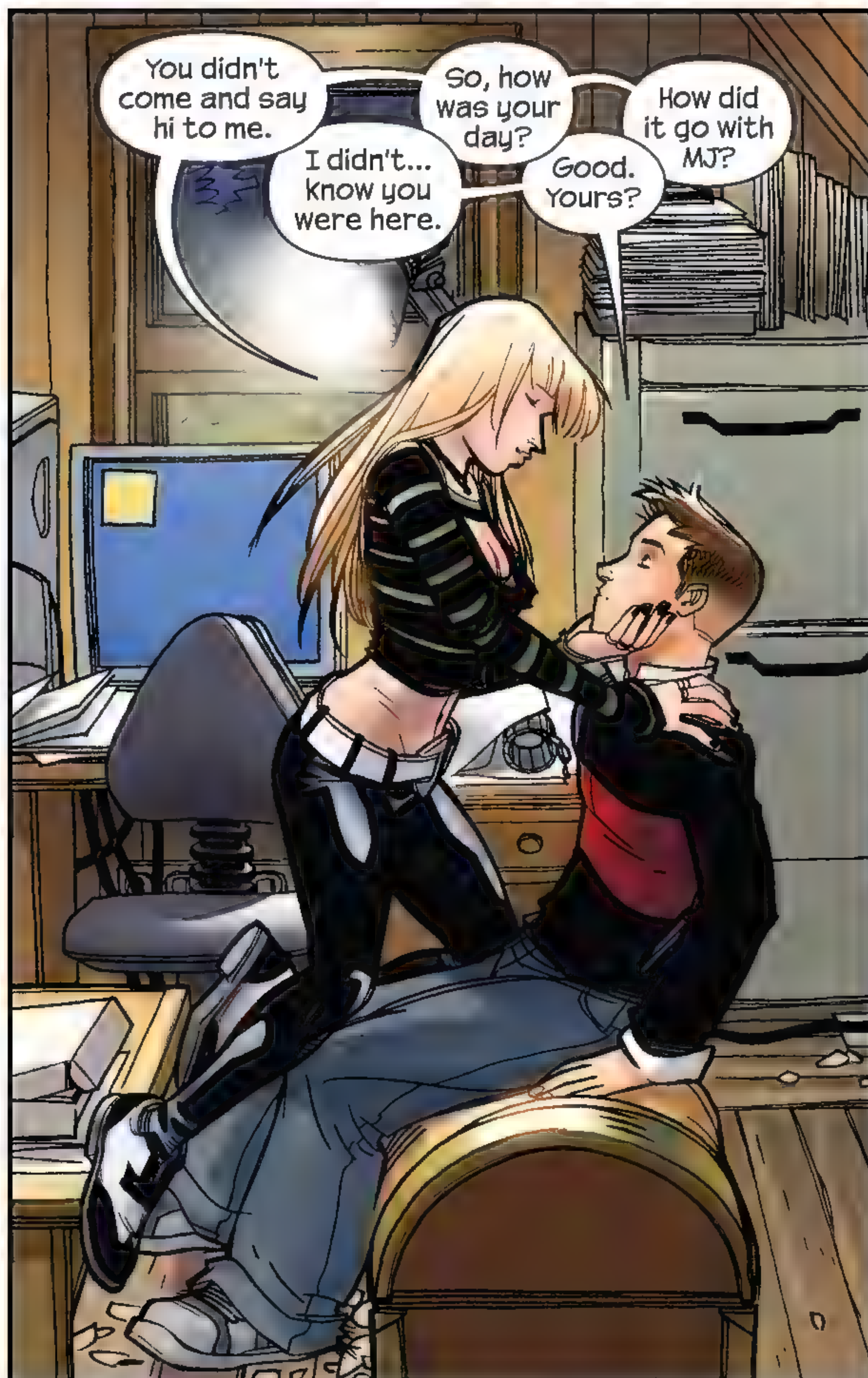
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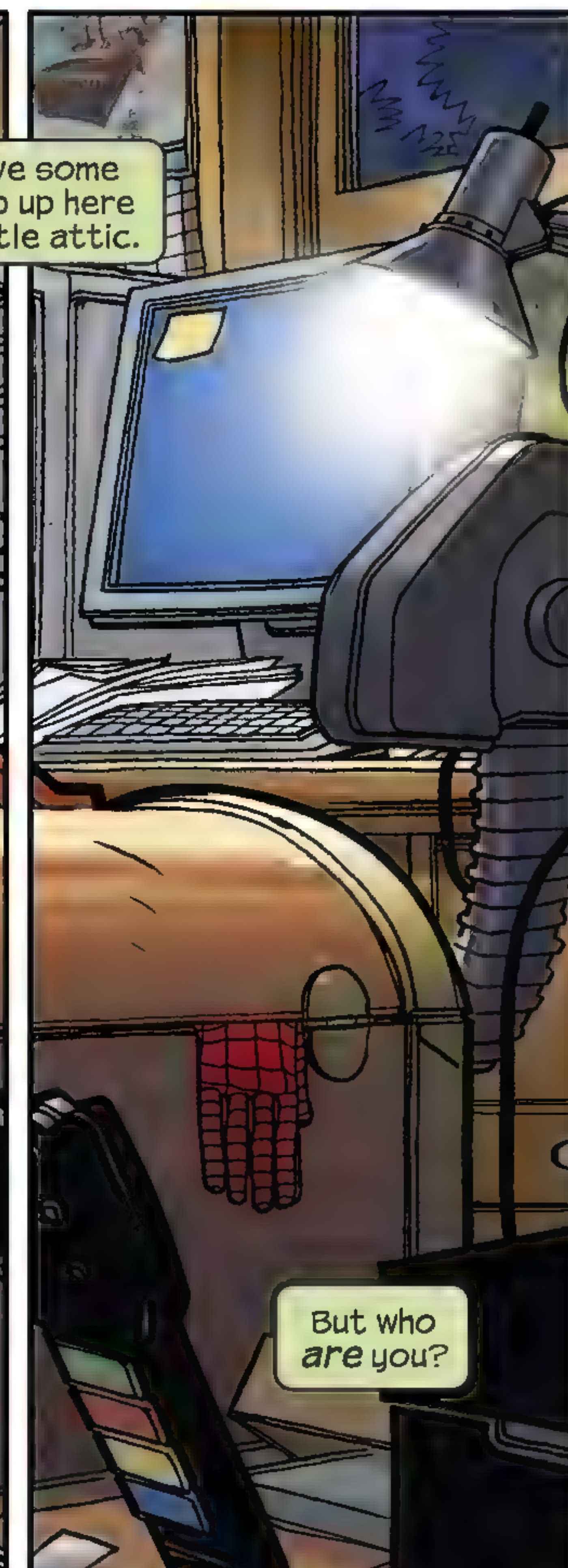
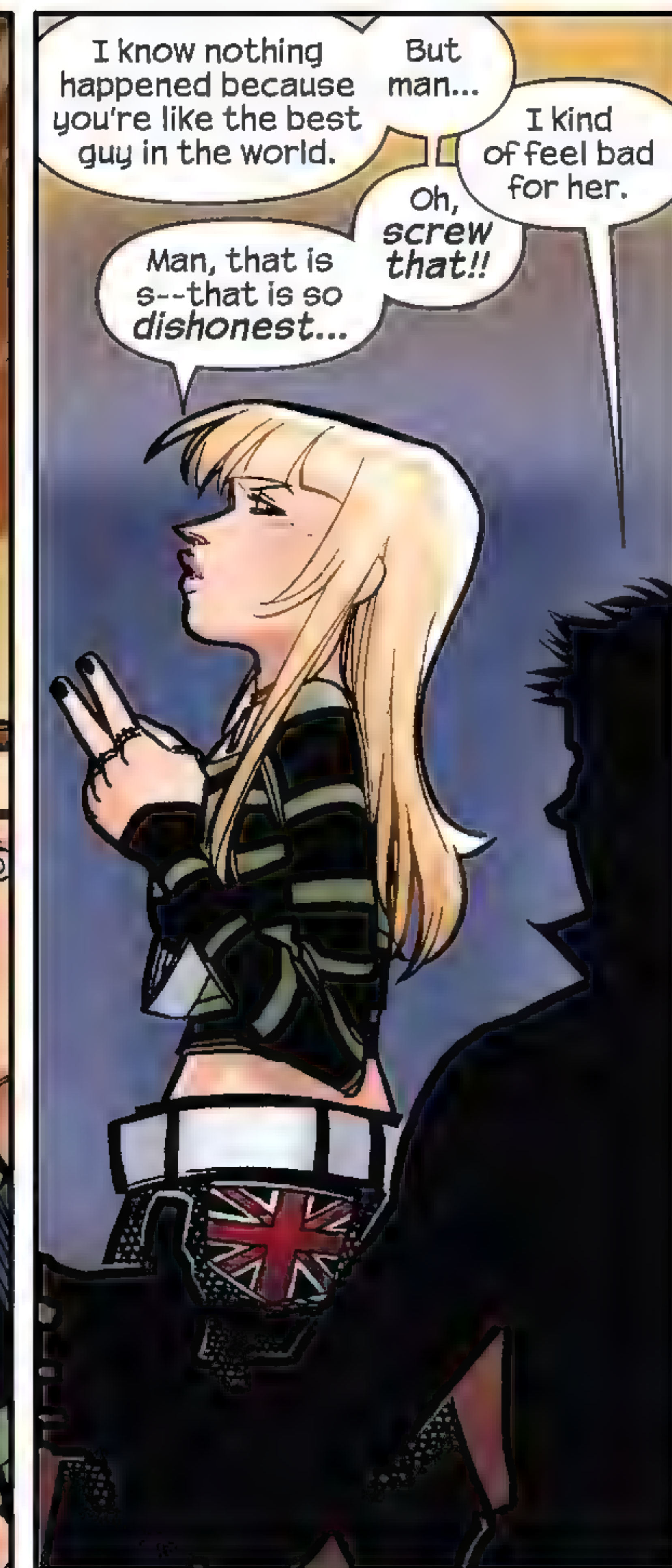




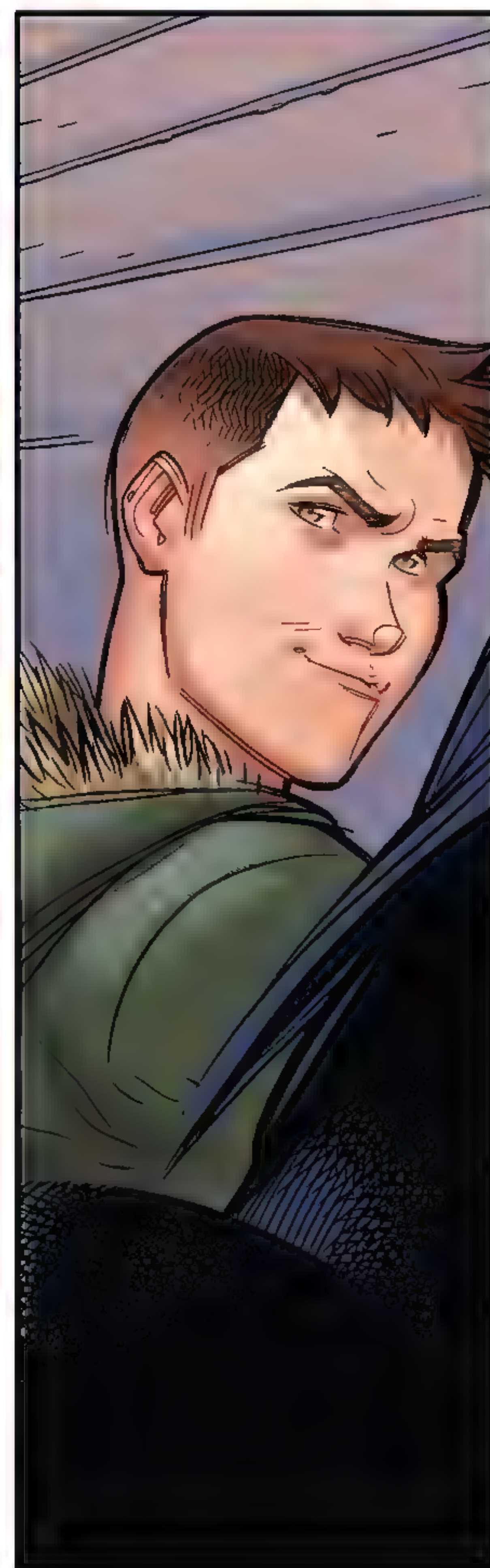
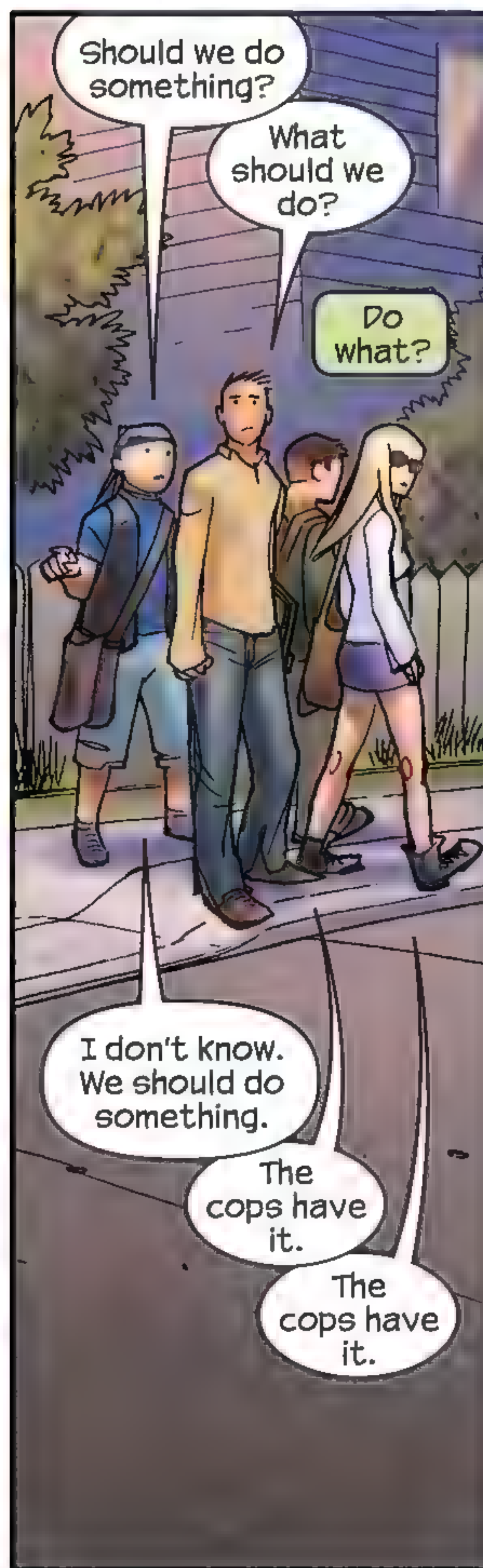
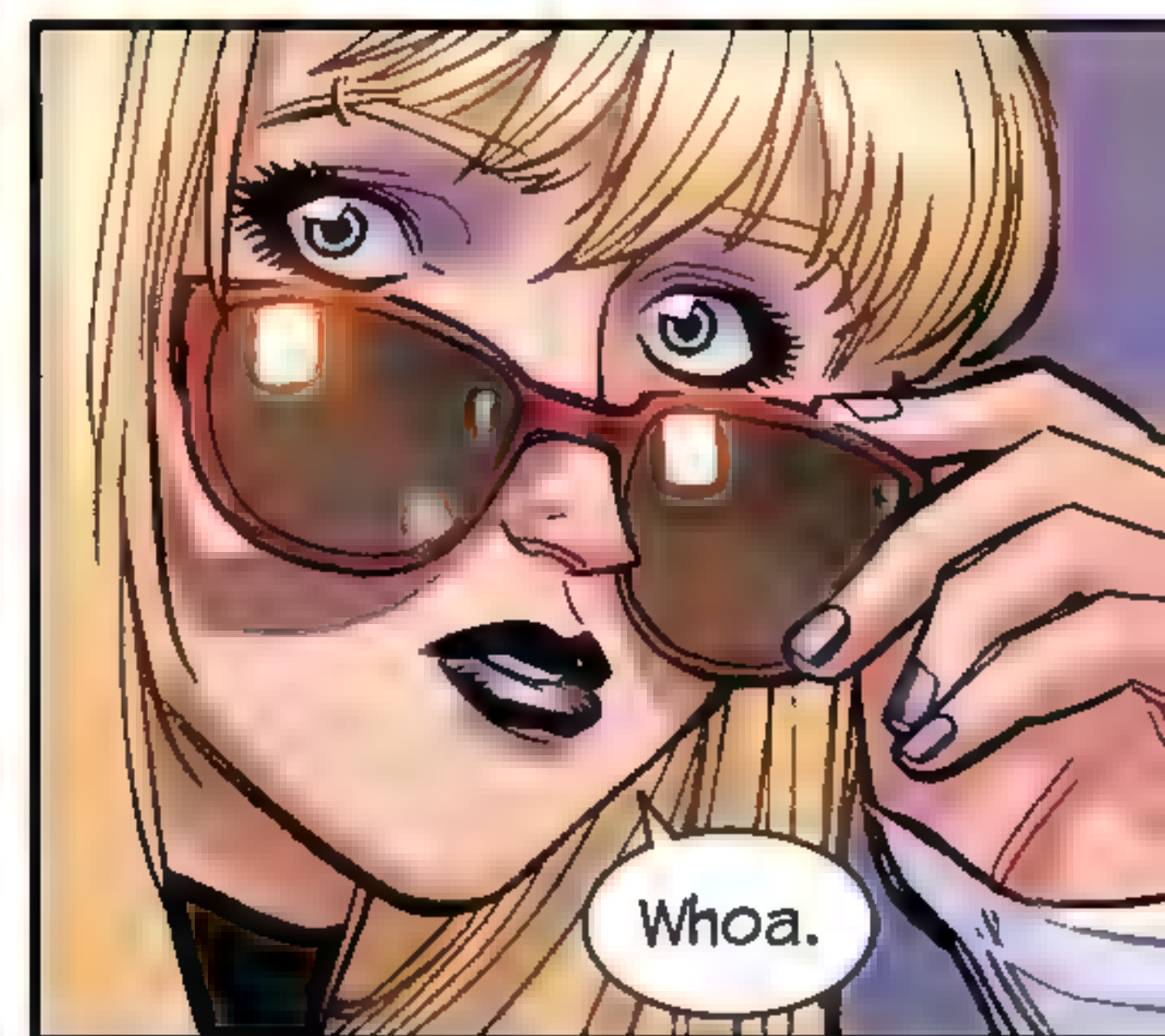
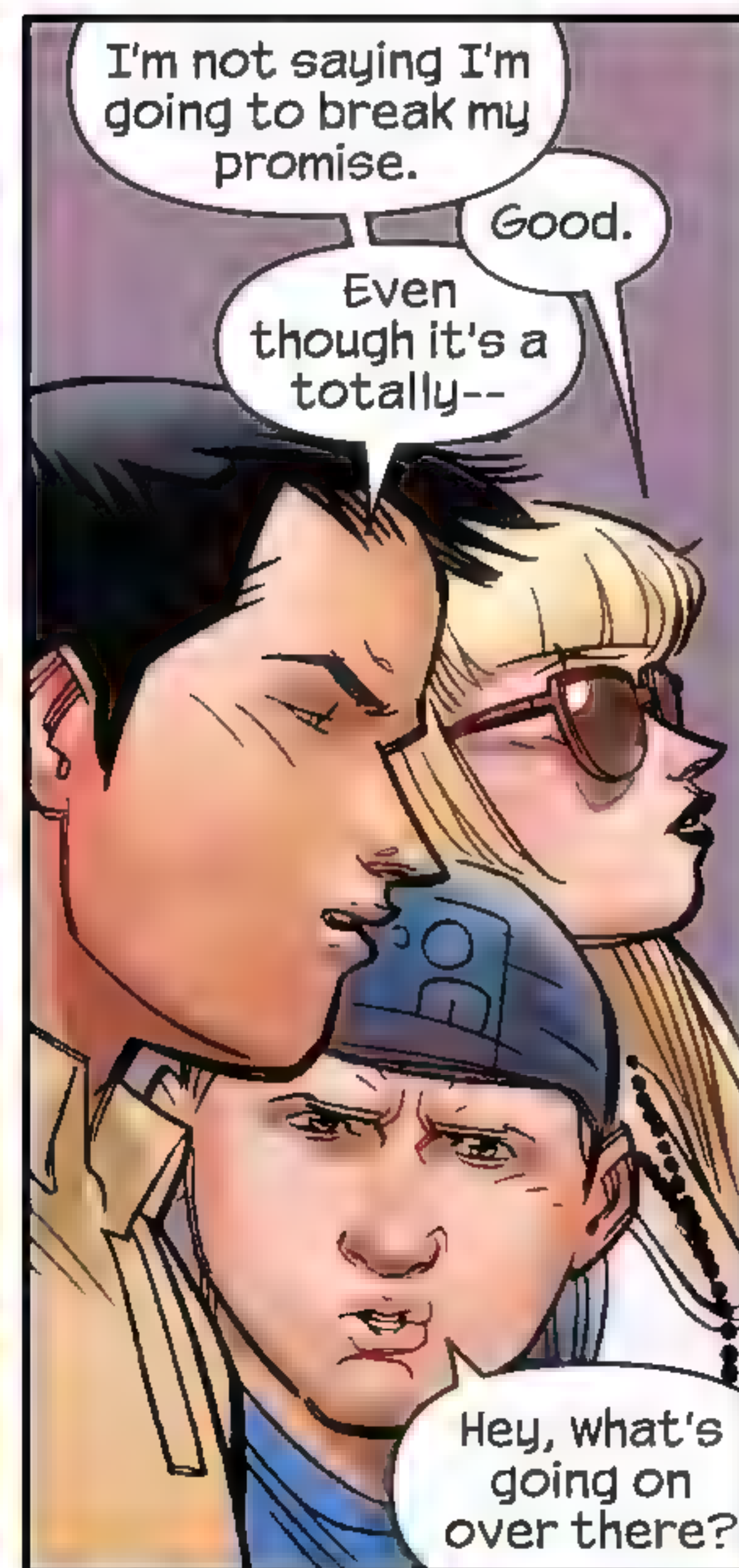




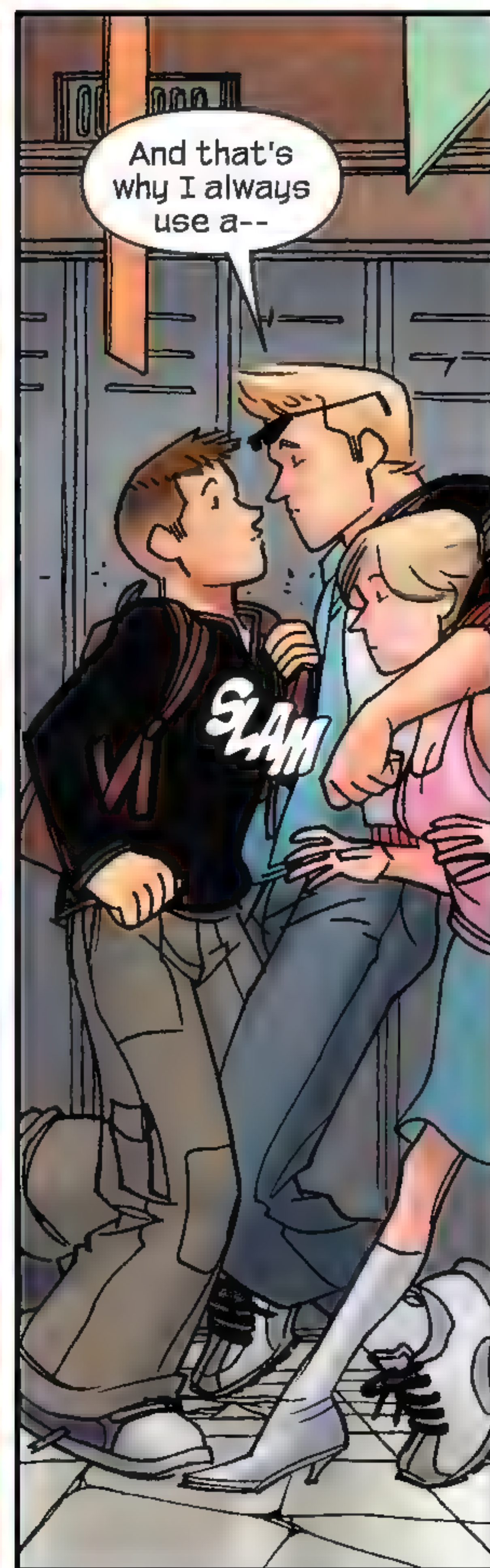
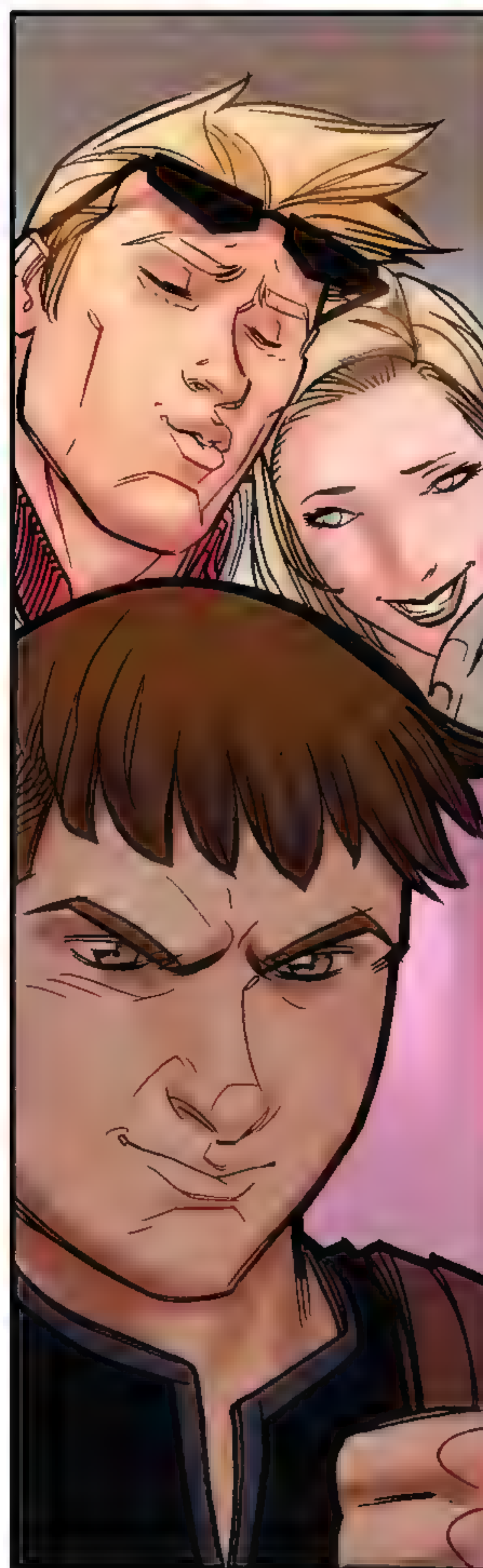
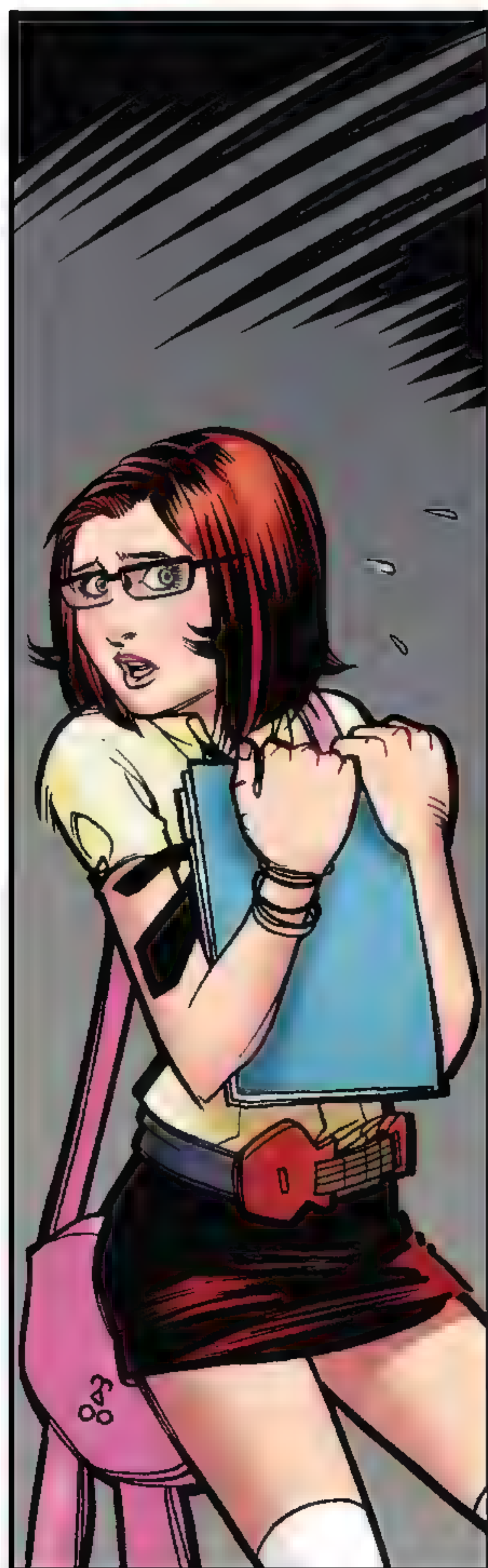
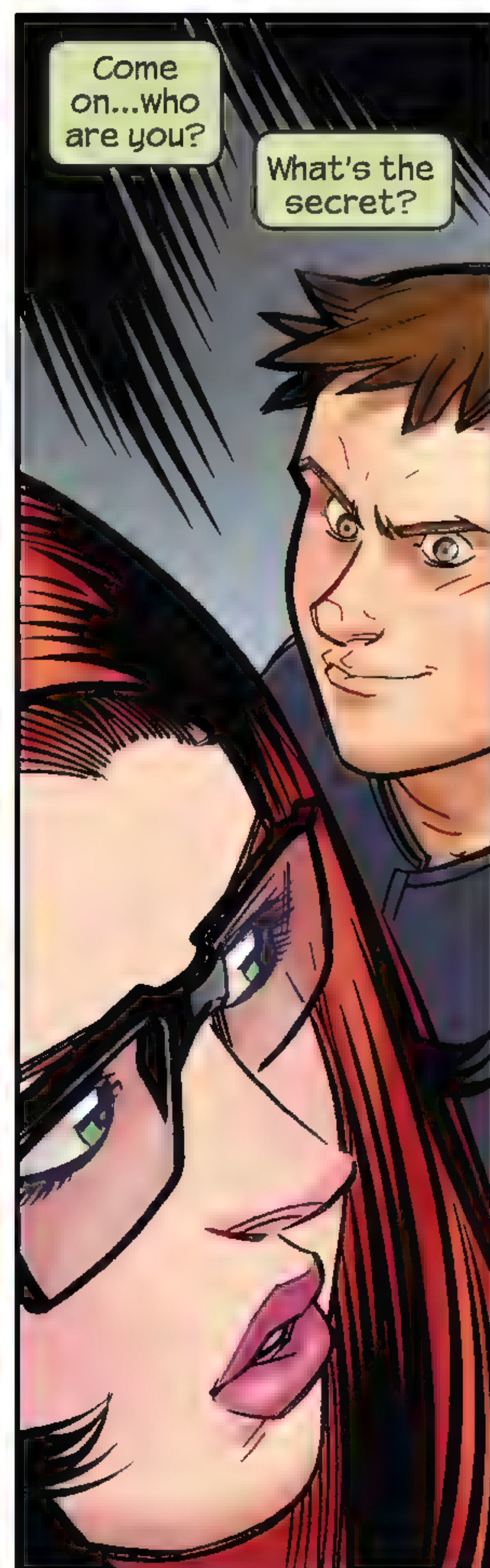
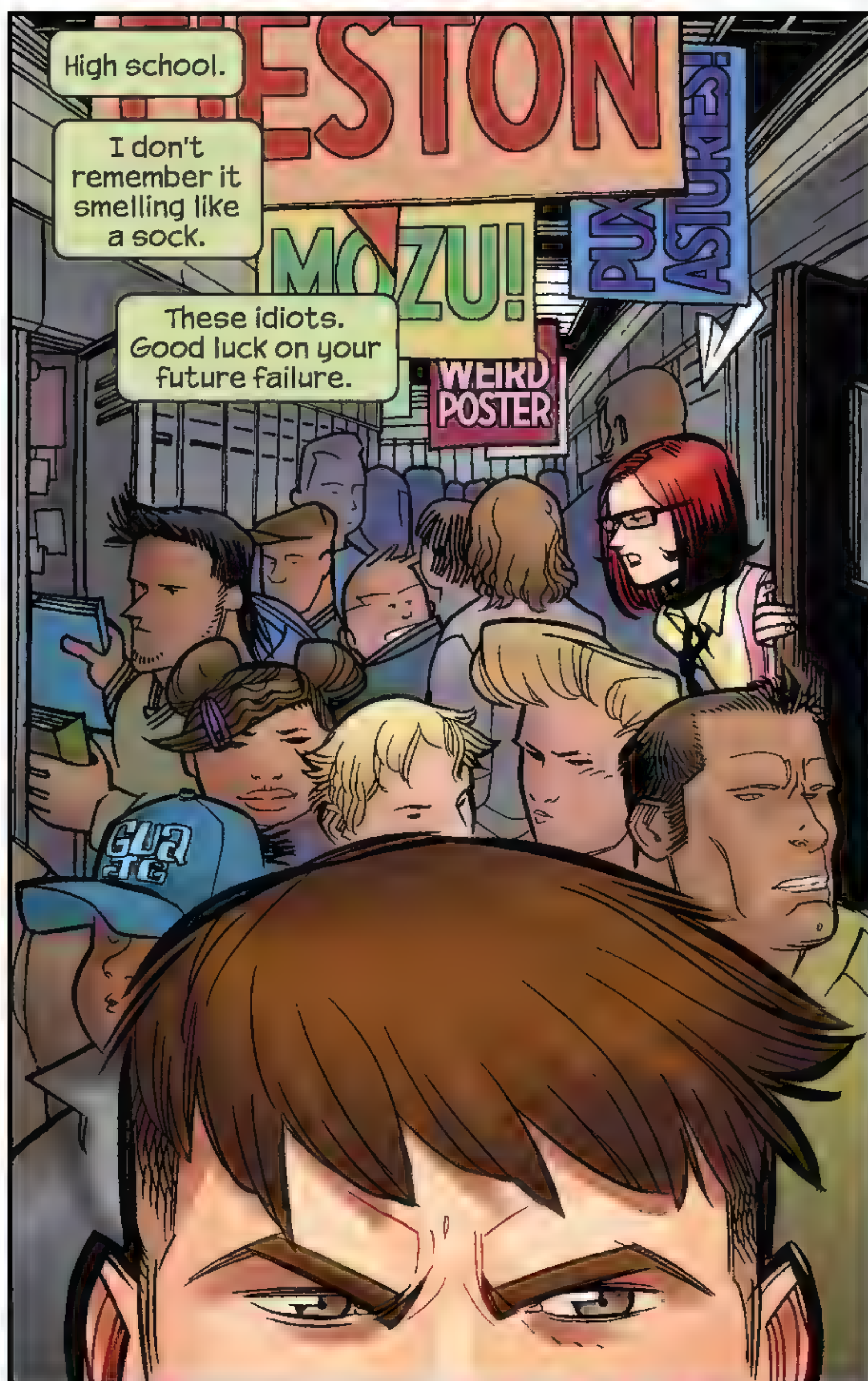




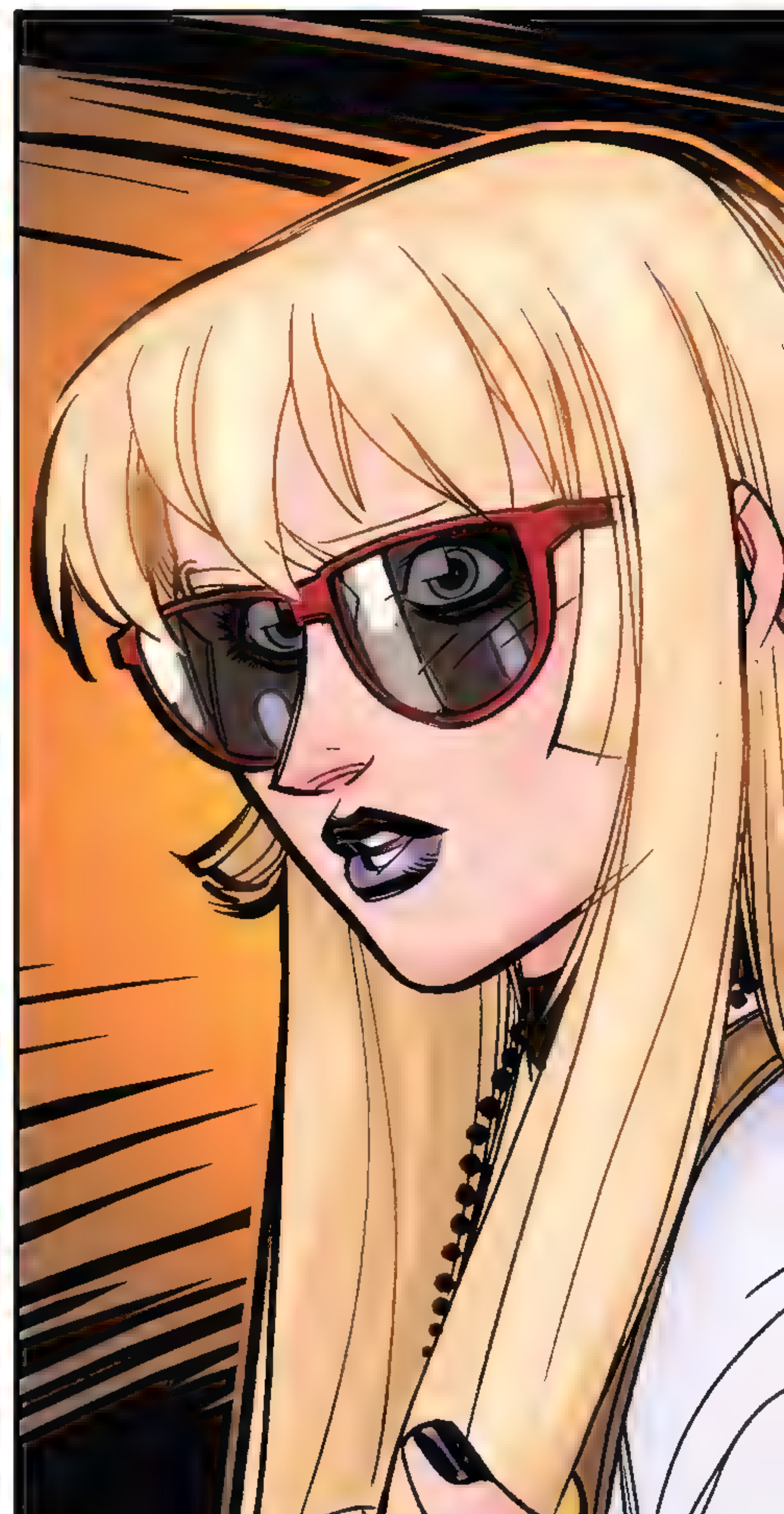
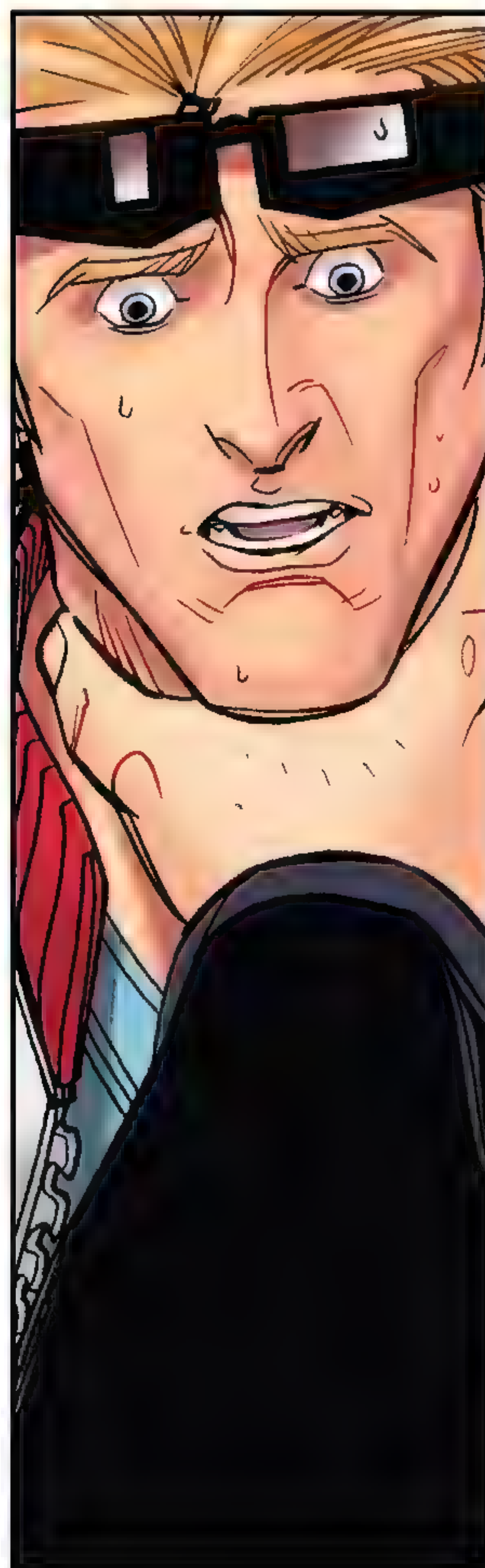
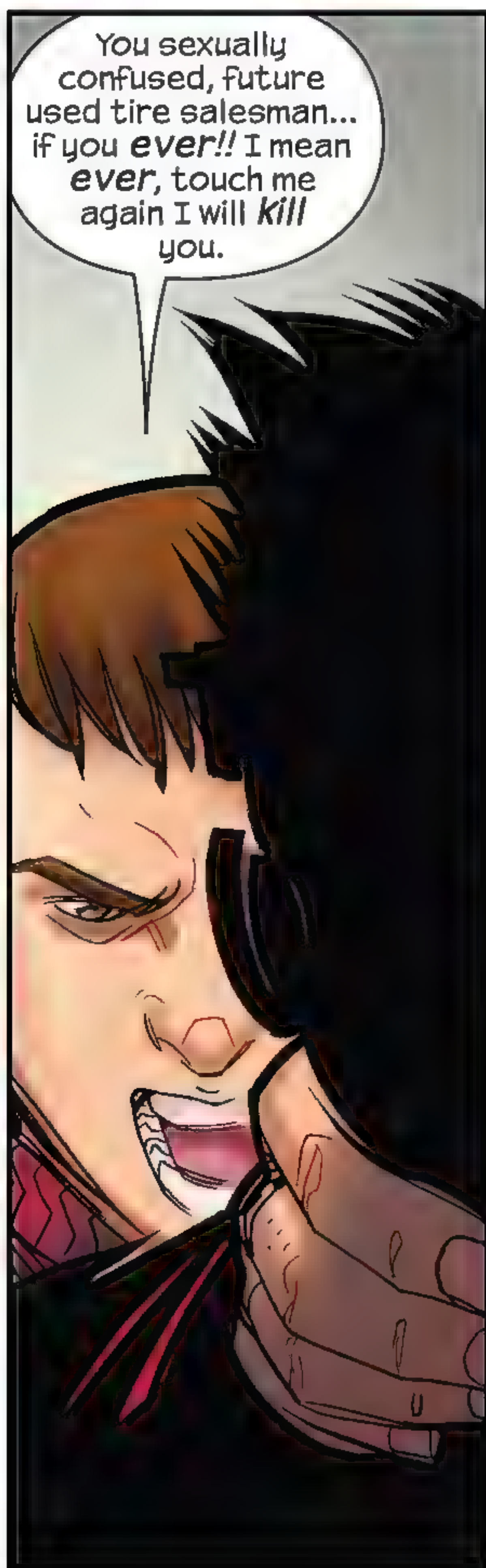
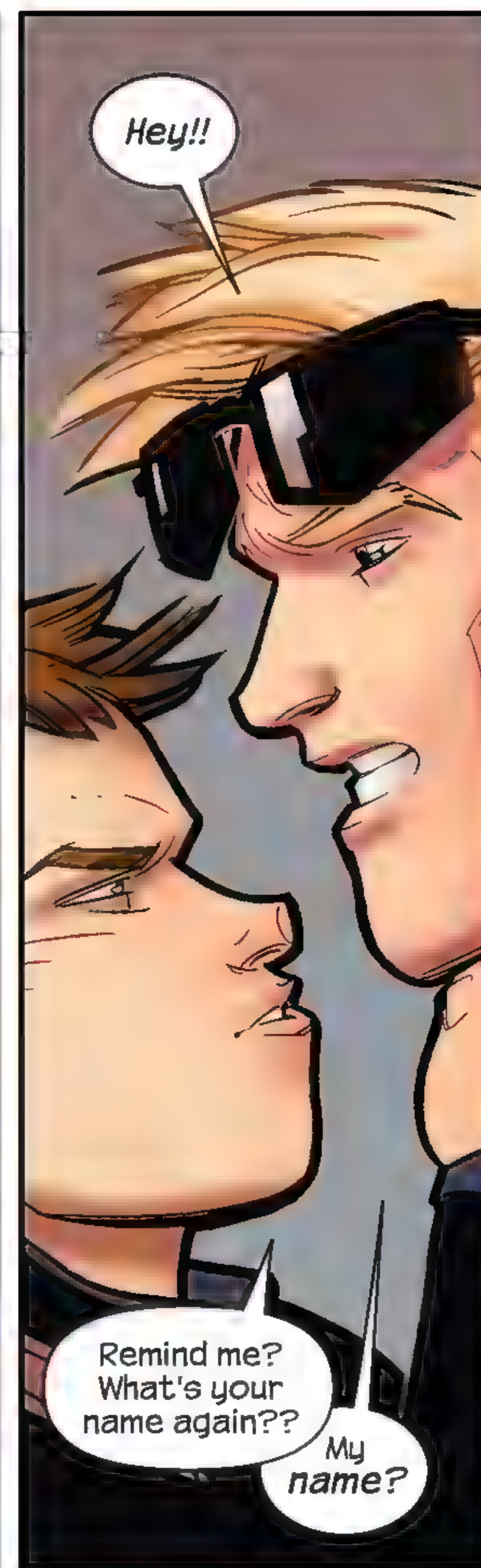
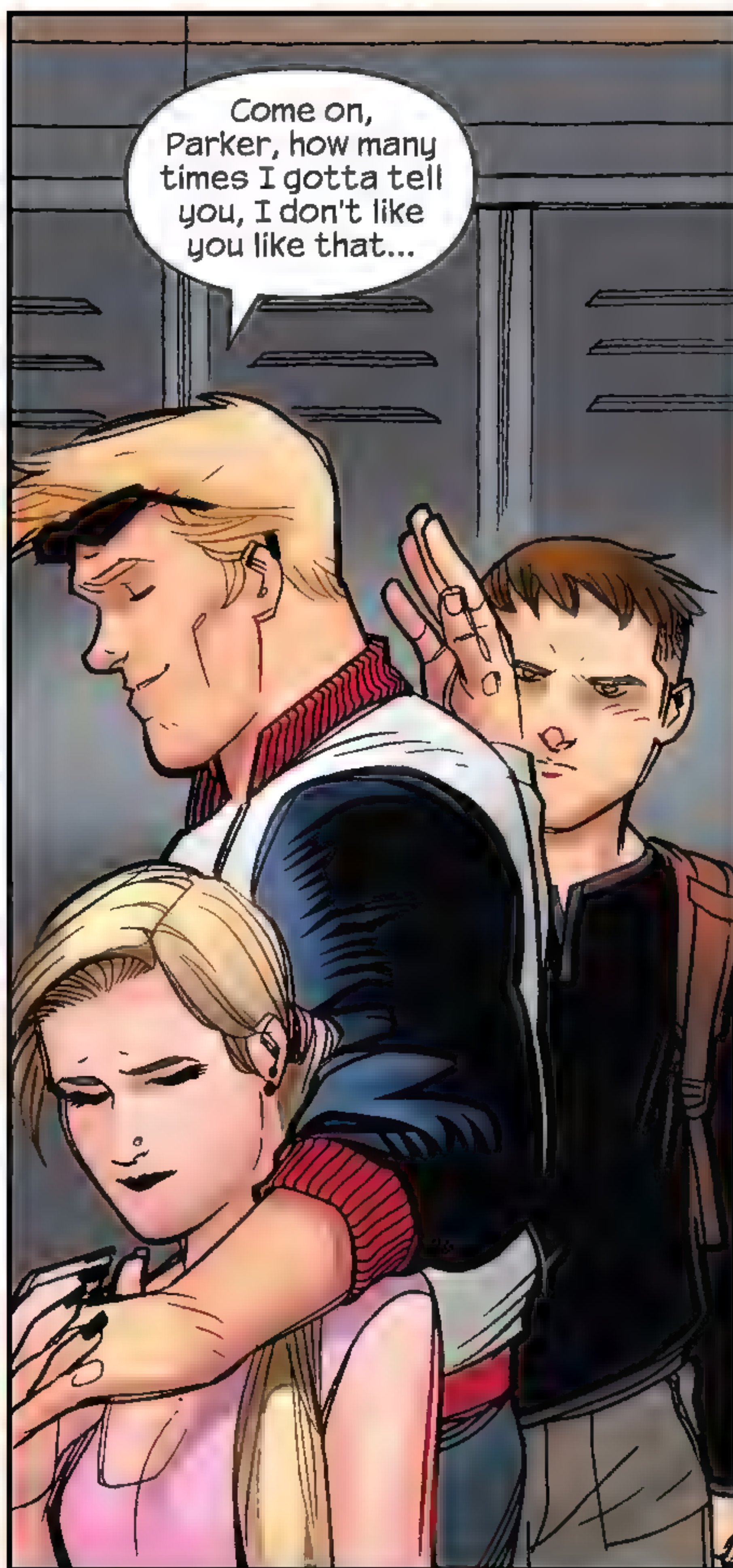




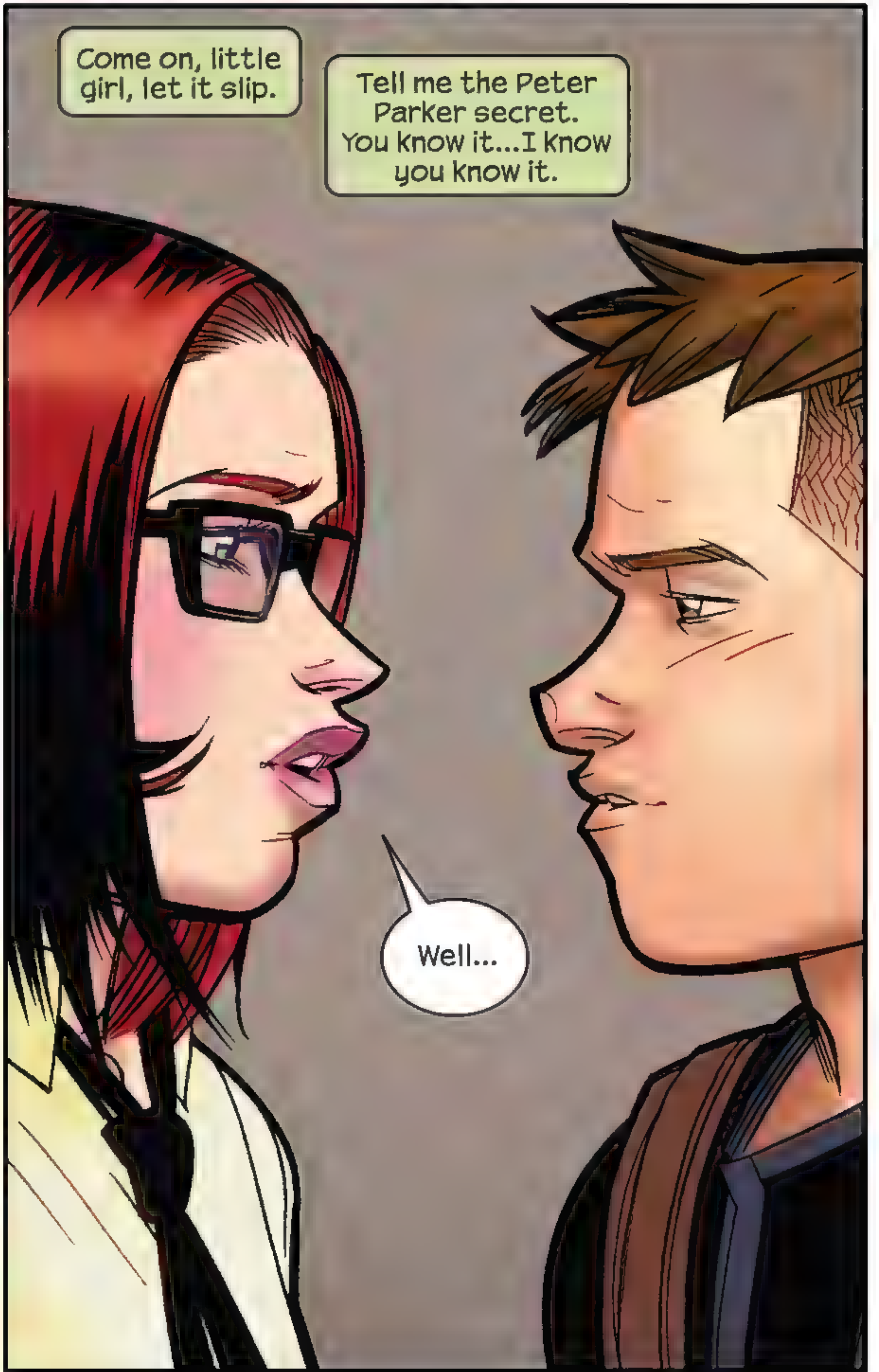
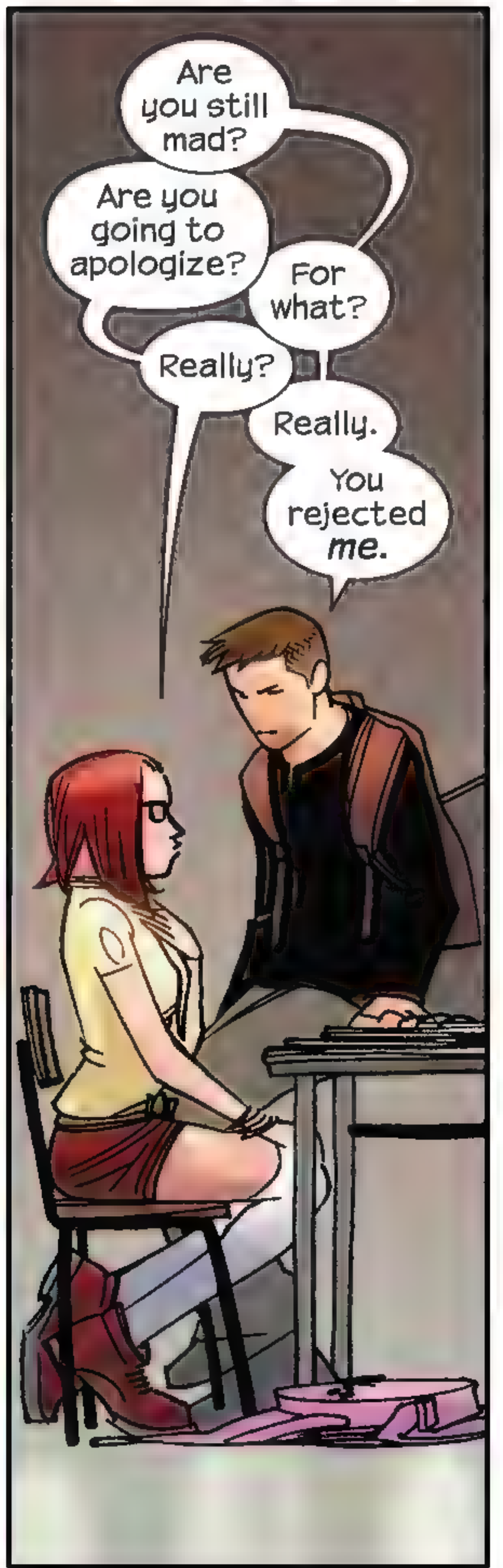
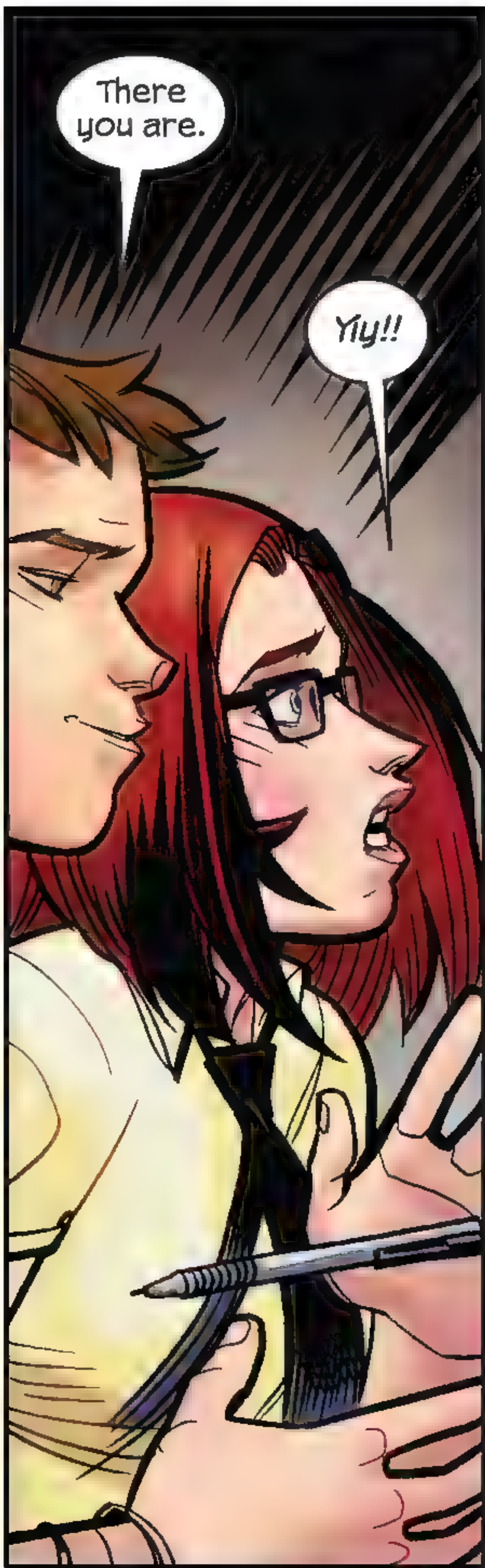




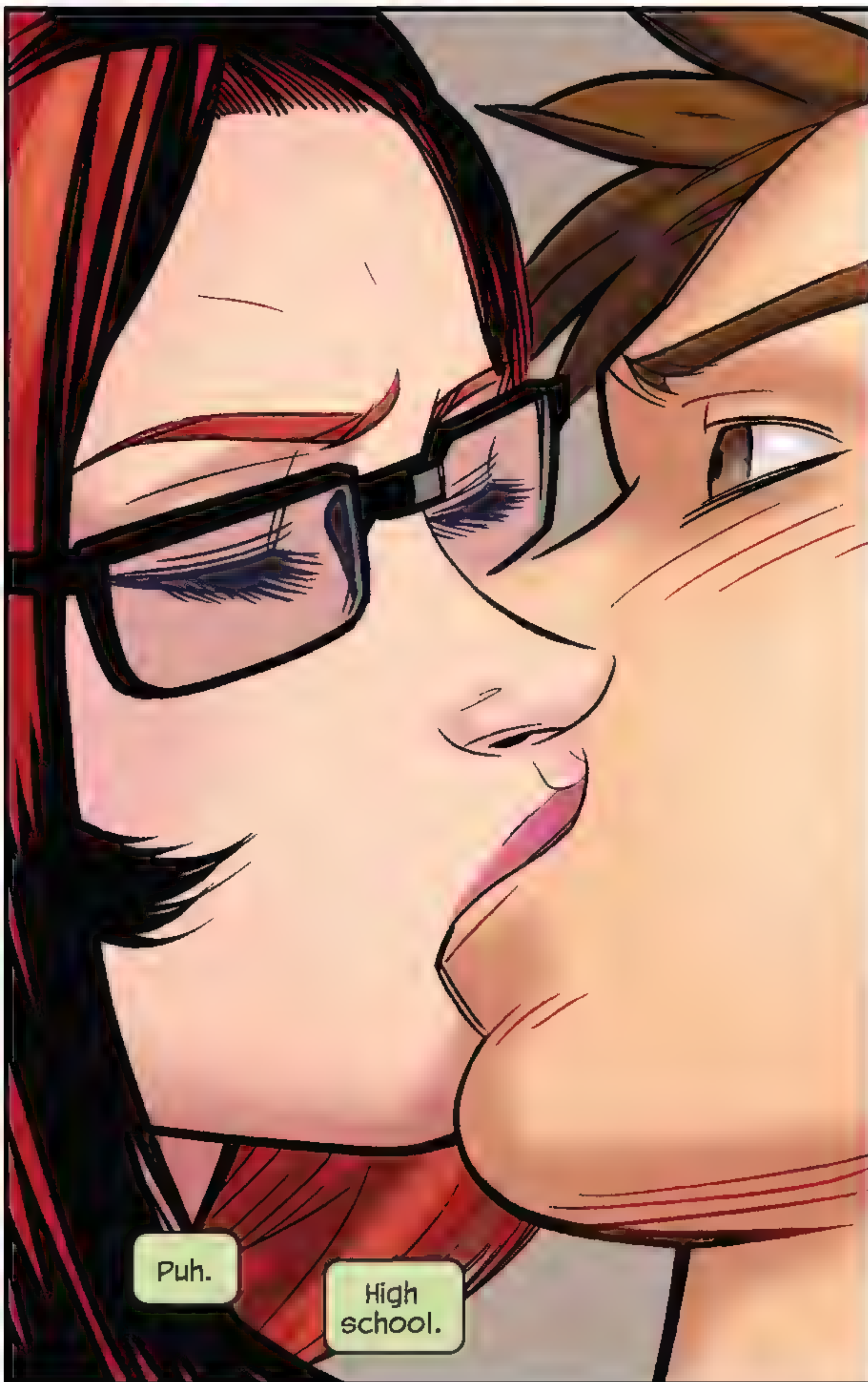
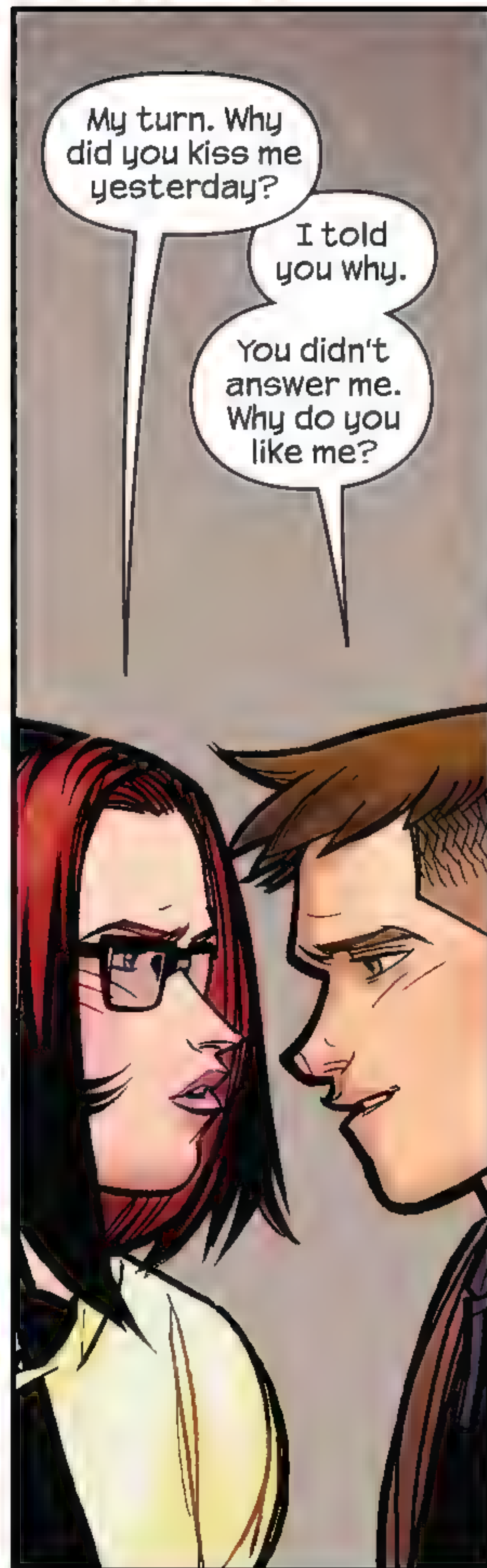
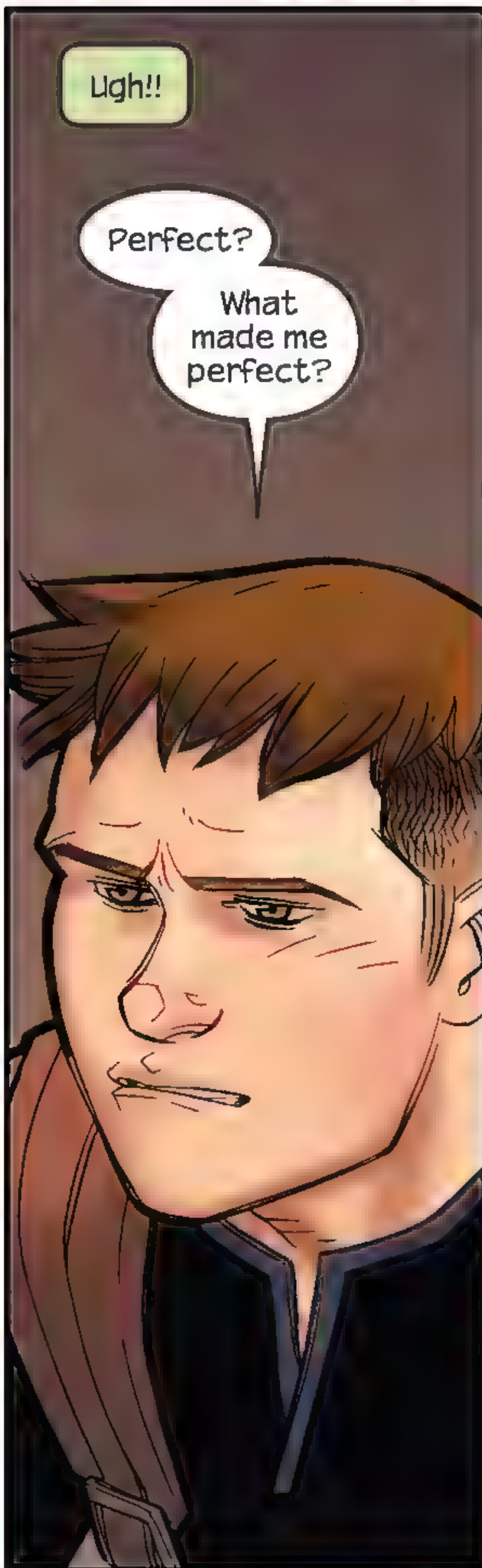
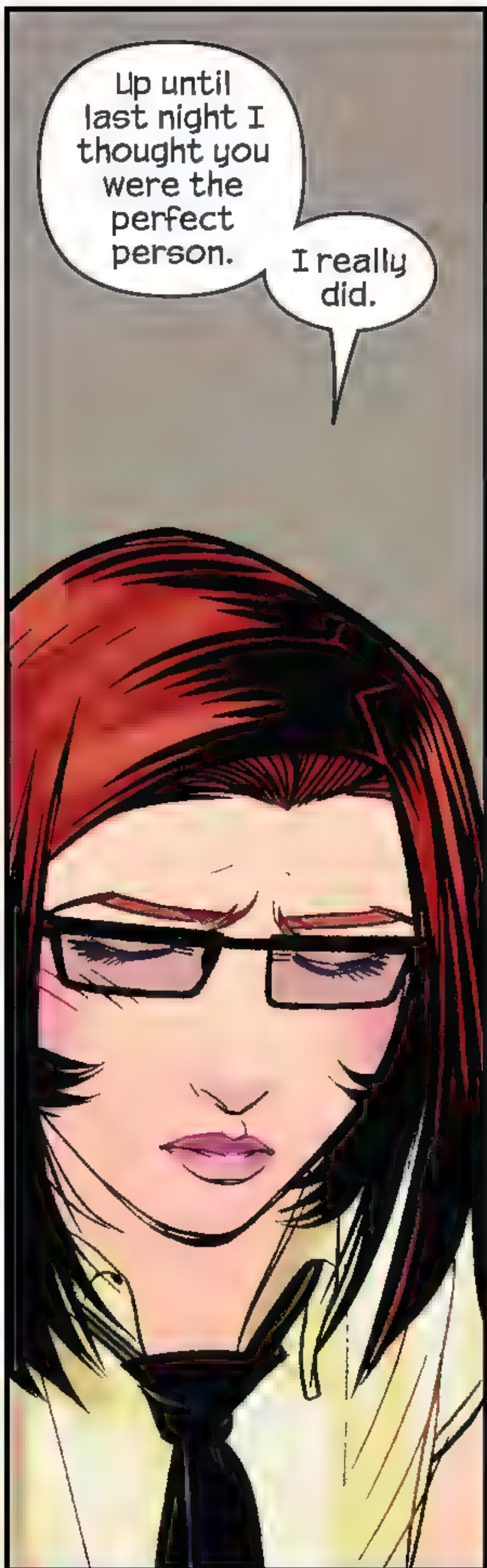




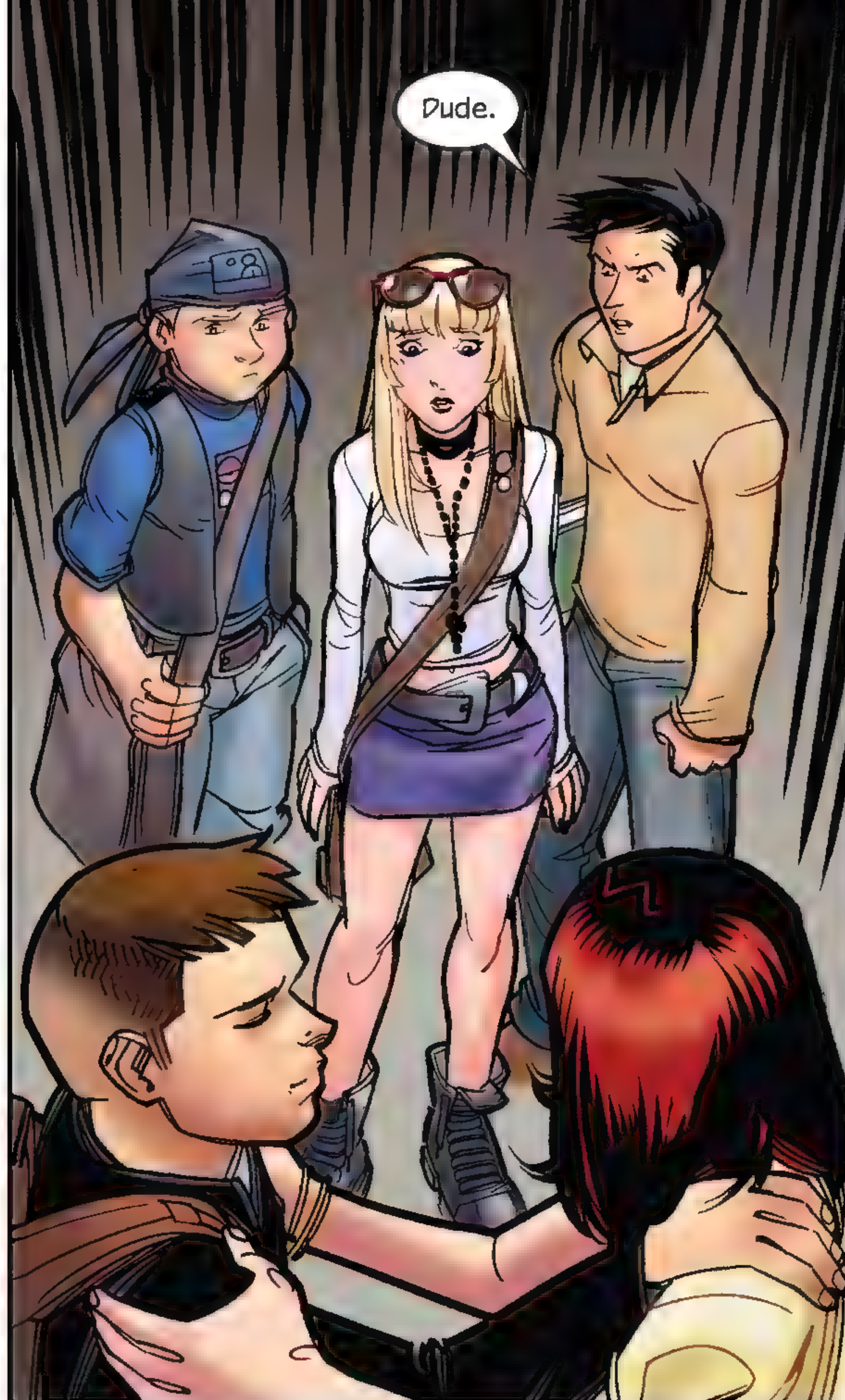




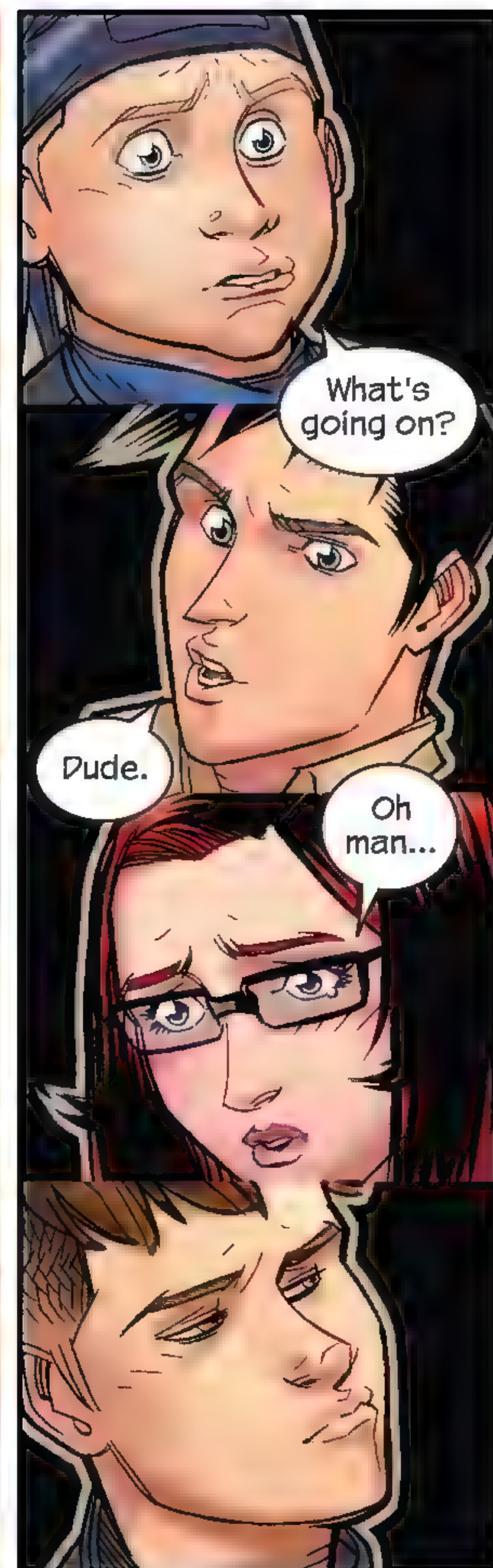








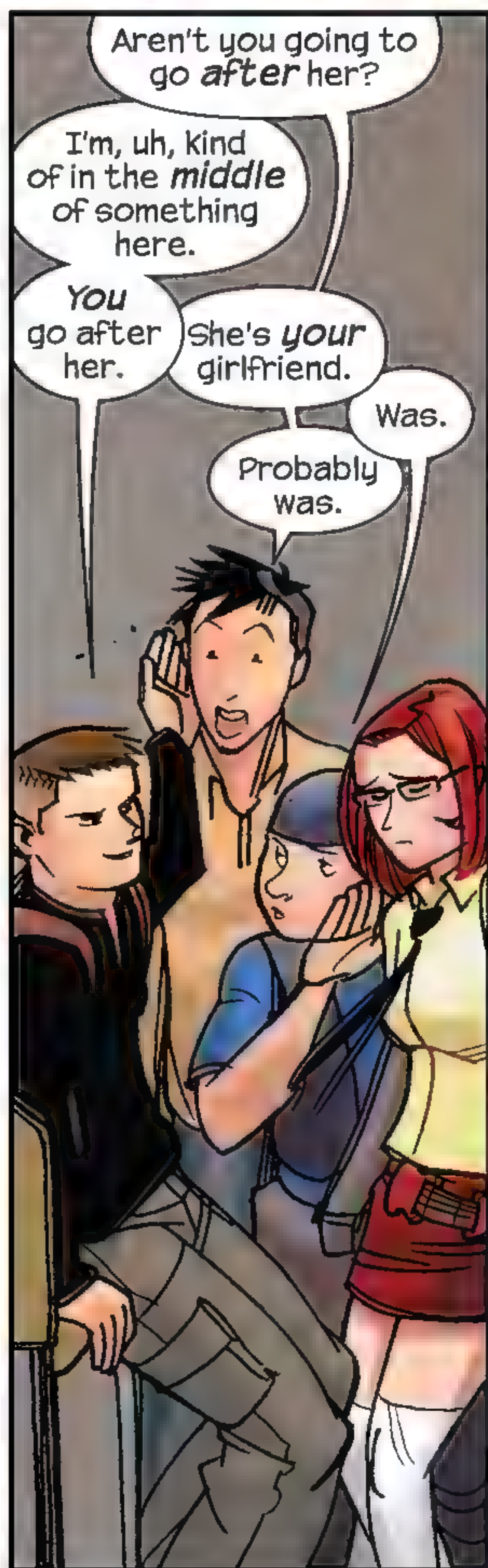
Dude.



What's going on?

Dude.

Oh man...



Aren't you going to go *after* her?

I'm, uh, kind of in the *middle* of something here.

You go after her.

She's *your* girlfriend.

Was.

Probably was.



Go.

You-- yeah--you should go.

Parker lives in the same house as his girlfriend??

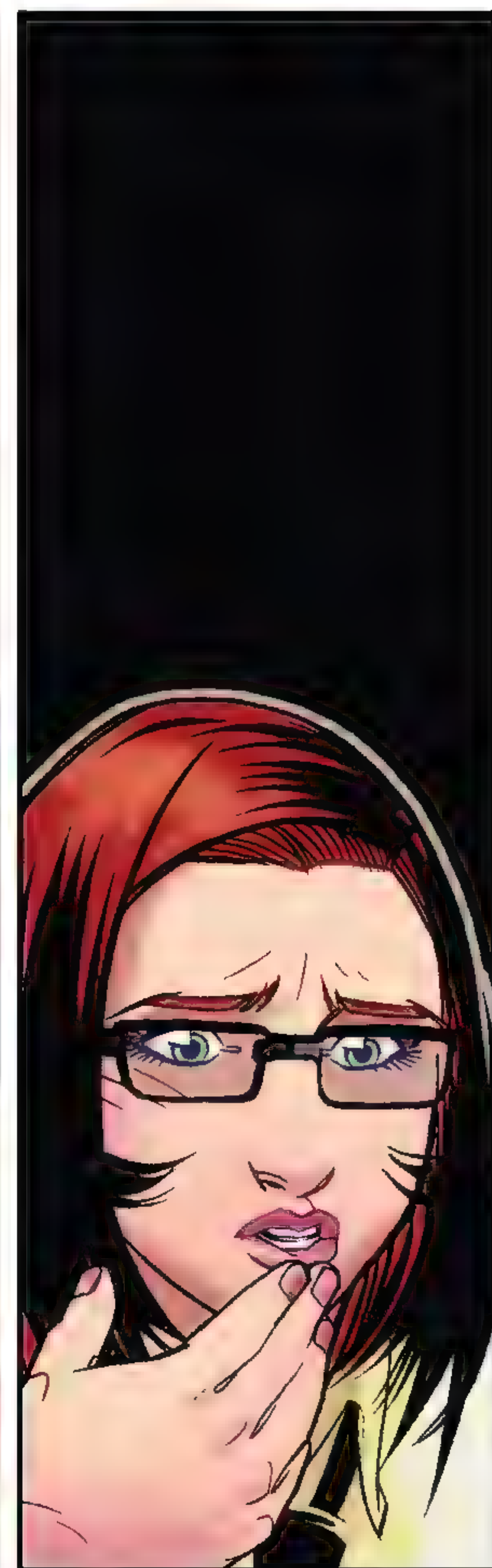
Who gets to do that?? In high school??

Well at least it's not his sister or his cousin.

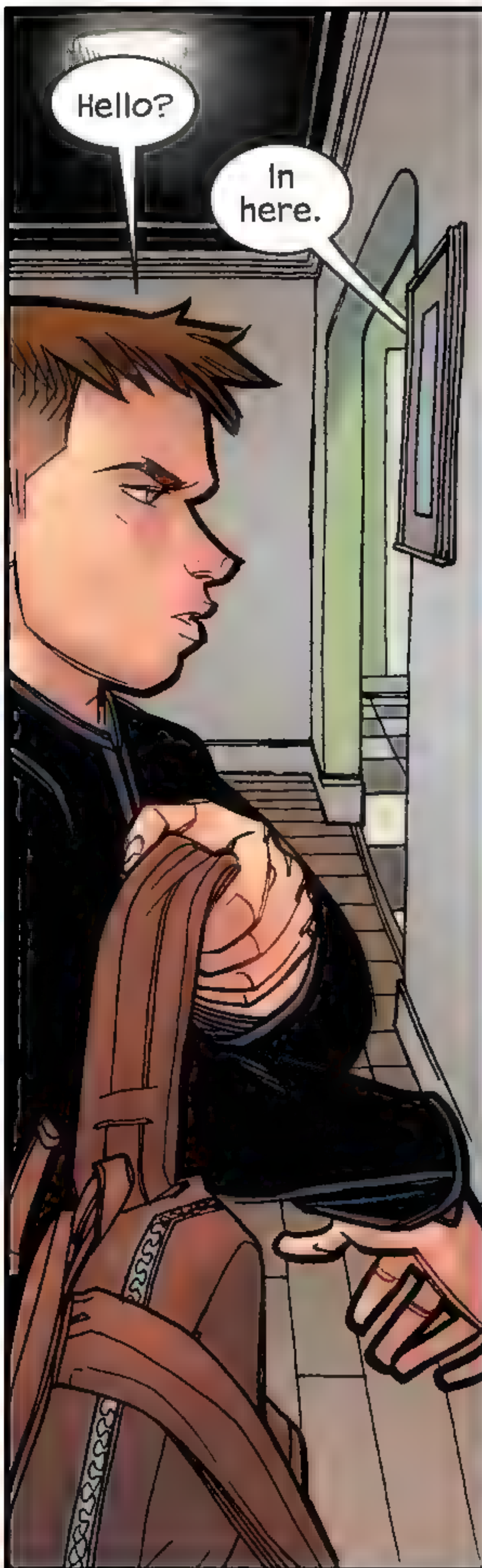


Huh.

Crazy.







Hello?

In here.



This is the way I raised you? To treat women like this?

Oh, shut up, you old bag of hippie.

You, uh, talked to her?

She was packing her bags.

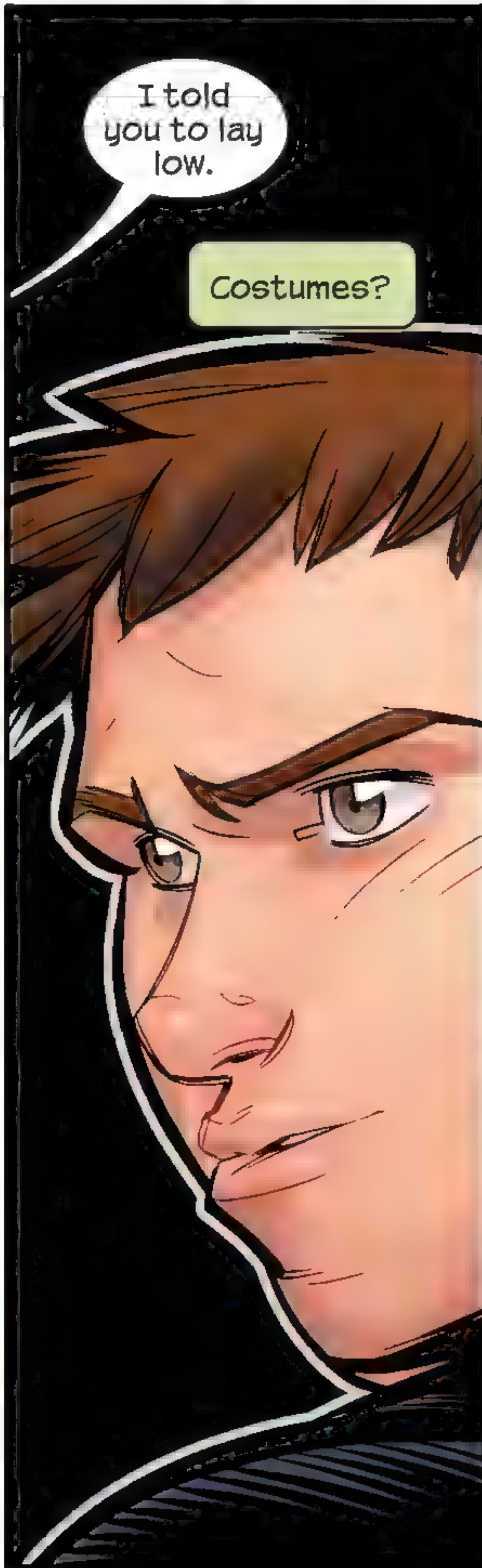
Is that what you want? You want her to go live out in the street??

What did she say?



When I told you kids to put the costumes away for a while I wasn't saying it so you'd have the time to destroy your personal lives within a week.

I was telling you to do it because the world's a dangerous place for people like you right now.

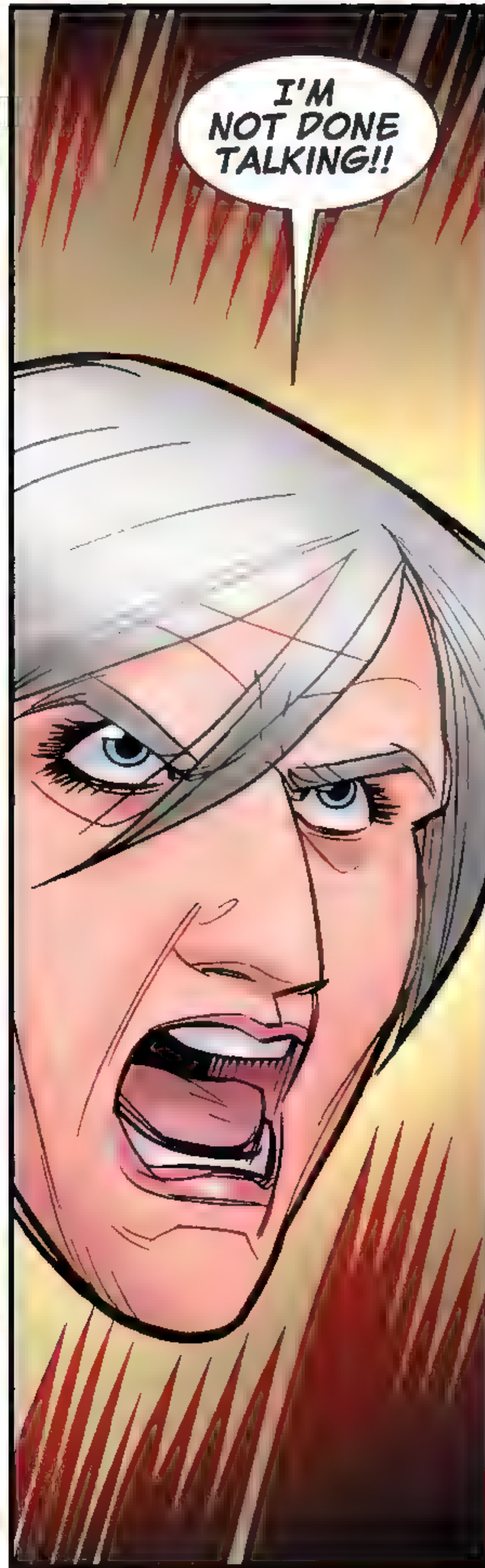


I told you to lay low.

Costumes?

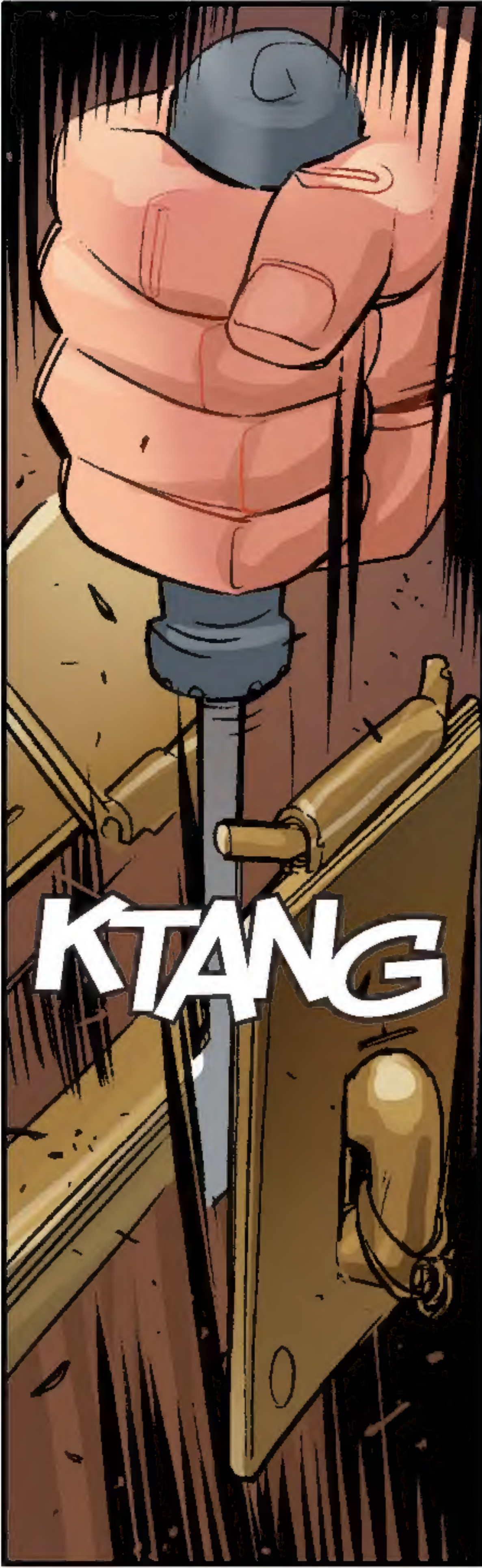
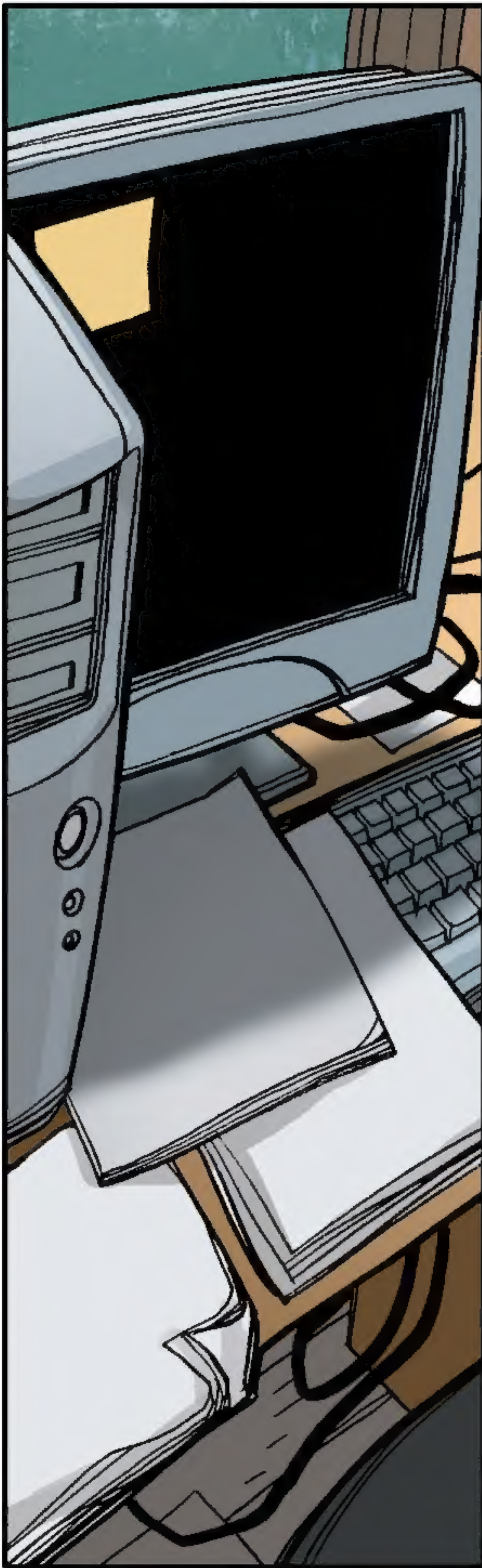


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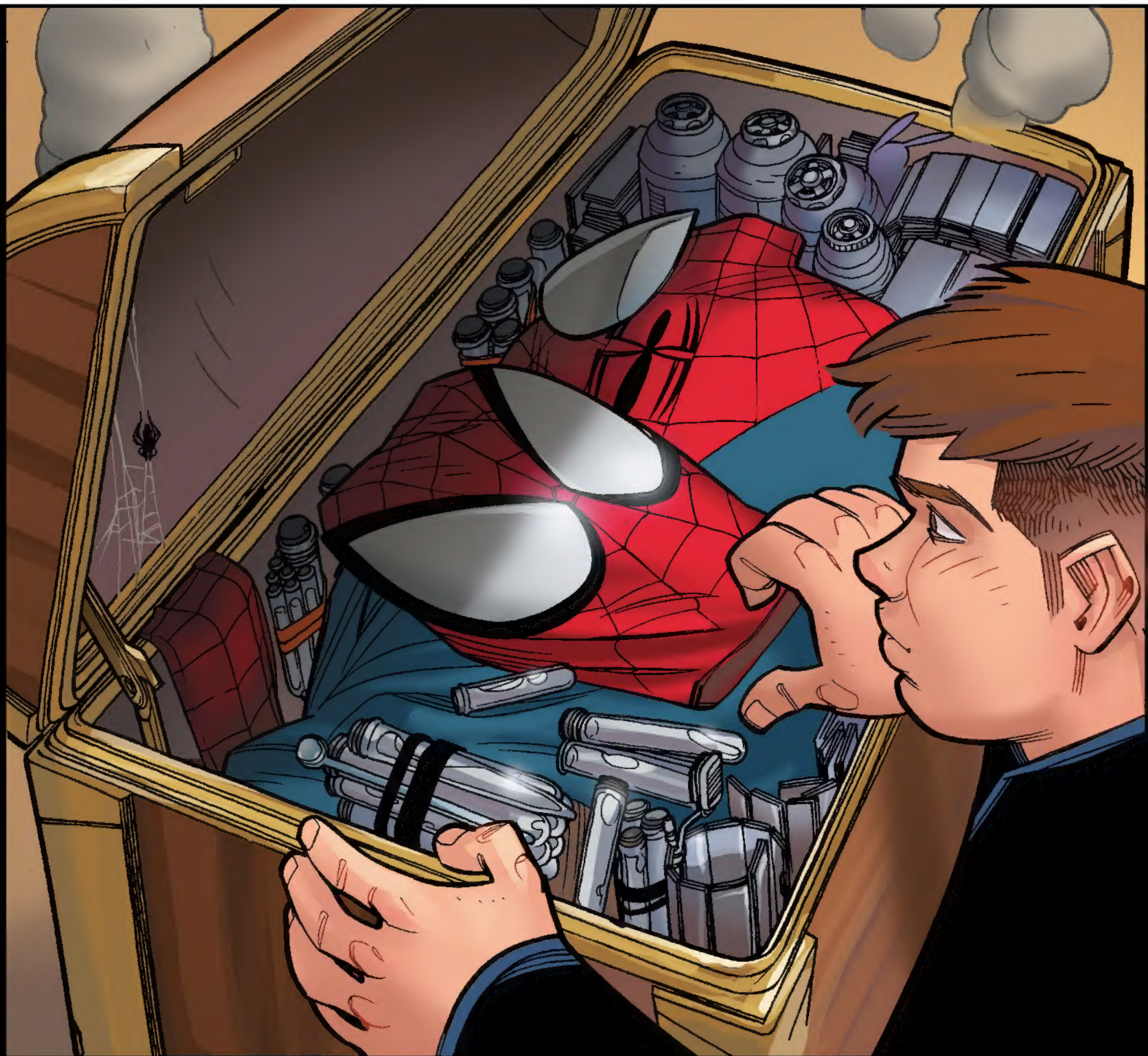


I'M NOT DONE TALKING!!









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# SPIDEY'S GOT A GUN?!





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